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FRENCH QUISLINGS SHOT AT Laval And Deat Slightly Wounded

FREEDOM OF SEAS DOCTRINE Vladivostok Shipments

Mr. Cordell Hull, United States Secretary of State, at his press conference in Washington yesterday, made it plain that the United States adhered to the freedom of the seas policy in connection with the shipment of war supplies to Russia through the Pacific.

Asked whether the United States would insist on the freedom of the seas in carrying out the shipments despite Japanese objections, Mr. Cordell Hull replied that until that policy is revoked, it must be assumed to be in effect.

Regarding the possibility that Japan will make formal representations to the United States concerning shipments to Vladivostok, Mr. Cordell Hull said he would leave any statement in that connection to the Foreign Office in Tokyo.

U.S. Disclaimer

OFFICIAL CIRCLES IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY DISCLAIMED KNOWLEDGE OF ANY FORMAL JAPANESE REPRESENTATIONS CONCERNING AMERICAN SHIPMENTS OF WAR SUPPLIES TO SOVIET RUSSIA BY WAY OF VLADIVOSTOK.

Official quarters indicate that if there have been any discussions of this nature they arose only from informal Japanese enquiries.—Reuter.

N.Z. TANK BRIGADE

The Defence Minister of New Zealand, Mr. C. W. Jones, yesterday announced the proposed formation of a New Zealand Army Tank Brigade for overseas, and the establishment of an armoured vehicles fighting school.

Experienced personnel, returning from overseas, and officers are being lent by the British War Office to act as instructors.

The training of the Brigade will be starting soon and will be continued in advanced form when the Brigade joins the expeditionary force. Three of the British officers will be from the Royal Armoured Corps.—Reuter.

Dramatic Scene At Versailles

PIERRE LAVAL AND MARCEL DEAT WERE SHOT AT AND WOUNDED — THOUGH NOT SERIOUSLY — AT VERSAILLES YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, SAID THE VICHY OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY LAST NIGHT. THE ASSAILANT WAS A YOUNG MAN NAMED PAUL COLETTE, AGED 29, BORN AT MENDEVILLE IN 1912.

ADMIRAL NOMURA RETICENT

The Japanese Ambassador, Admiral Nomura, told reporters when he arrived in Washington for his conference with Mr. Cordell Hull that he was not bringing a formal representation.

After the conference he stated a number of questions had been discussed but he was reticent on the subject of Russian shipments.—Reuter.

Modern Army In U.S.

United States army units participating in the Pacific - Northwest manoeuvres are "far, far ahead" of any divisions sent to France in the last war, declared the United States Secretary for War, Mr. Henry Stimson, at a press conference in Tacoma yesterday.

Mr. Stimson was an artillery Colonel in France during the last war.

Both he and General Marshall, United States Chief of Staff, expressed approval of the military training which the troops in the Far East are receiving.

General Marshall declared that the Army could not be caught unprepared if it was suddenly called on to expand again. "Sites are being selected and preliminary surveys are being made for 20 more cantonments. If the need arises we will be in a position to start building immediately." — Reuter.

Count Fernand de Brinon, French Ambassador in the occupied zone, who himself narrowly escaped afterwards made the following statement to the press, according to Paris radio.

"This afternoon Laval and Deat have been the victims of an attack under the following circumstances:

"At Versailles the first French volunteers of the anti-Bolshevik legion were to enter the barracks.

"At the beginning of the ceremony the French colours were hoisted and La Marseillaise rung for the first time in occupied territory.

"Thereafter, the official visitors inspected the barracks.

"Faint Reports"

"Thousands of the Versailles population in a procession, in which I was present, passed under the porch of the barracks.

"According to preliminary investigations Laval and Deat must have been immediately behind me. I heard faint reports to which I paid no particular attention.

"A FEW MOMENTS LATER I OBSERVED LAVAL SUPPORTED BY SOME PEOPLE. HE SAID 'THEY HAVE HIT ME.' HE WAS IMMEDIATELY REMOVED TO THE VERSAILLES HOSPITAL.

"Deat was also wounded.

"Not Serious"

"The alleged attacker has been arrested. He is a young man who has admitted that he joined the legion for the purpose of committing the attack.

"Laval was shot in the arm and in his side. The bullet has been extracted.

"Deat was also shot in the arm.

"The condition of the victims is not considered to be serious." — Reuter.

BOMBAY GREET'S MORE ITALIANS

A Bombay message states that 1,200 Italian prisoners, including one general and over 500 officers have arrived in that port. — Reuter.

SOVIET SECRECY

Asked whether any naval aid is being prepared for Russia, the U.S. Secretary of Navy, Col. Frank Knox, replied at a press conference in Washington yesterday, that he had nothing in mind.

He replied negatively to questions as to whether he planned to send a naval officer to the forthcoming Moscow talks, or an additional Naval Attaché to the Moscow Embassy.

As regards the war in Russia, Col. Knox said that the Government had made repeated futile requests to be allowed to send

DE GAULLE OFFER TO AMERICA

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

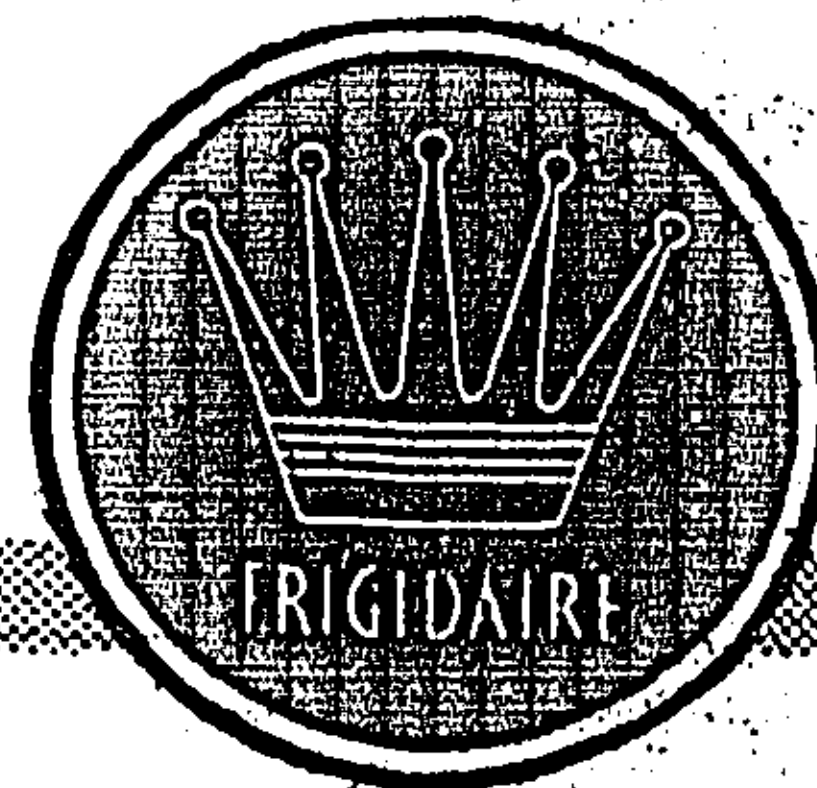
Interest in the position of the West African ports continues in London so that a report from America last night that General de Gaulle had offered to put the Free French ports in Africa at the disposal of the U.S. as a naval base, presumably to counteract German influence at Dakar, was read with attention.

Free French Headquarters in London stated they had no knowledge of such an offer though in any case the decision would be made by the General himself at Brazzaville.

From what is known of the General's views, however, it was thought that if America considered these ports would prove useful to the United States, the Free French would gladly place them at America's disposal.—Reuter.

American observes to the fighting zone.

"I WISH YOU FELLOWS WOULD TRY TO WORK ON JOE STALIN TO GET SOME OBSERVERS TO THE FRONT," HE CONCLUDED.—REUTER.



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Iranian Government Now Reported Ready To Reconsider

IRANIAN FOLLY REVEALED

It is authoritatively stated in London that the Iranian Government, tempted by the favourable credit terms which the Germans offered, sold for export virtually the whole of the year's grain harvest, as well as stocks of tea and sugar, with a complete disregard of the needs of Iranians.

Already there is much destitution. Food riots have taken place in Shiraz, Isfahan, Yazd, Kerman and Hamadan, and even in the capital there is a serious shortage and discontent is rife.

It is estimated that in the oil areas of the south-west, the existing supplies will suffice for the barest needs of the civilian population only until September 15.

In view of this lamentable state of affairs, orders have been given by the General Officer Commanding the British troops to import at once into the area occupied by the British 650 tons of wheat from Iraq.

This represents something like a month's supply and will meet the initial requirements. It will, in due course, be supplemented by further consignments from India. — Reuter.

NATIVE CONSCRIPTION IN N.E.I.

IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN BATAVIA YESTERDAY THAT THE NECESSARY STEPS FOR PUTTING INTO EFFECT THE LAW FOR NATIVE CONSCRIPTION RECENTLY PASSED BY THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES WEAPONS CONVENTION HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT SO SMOOTHLY AND RAPIDLY THAT NATIVE CONSCRIPTS WILL BE CALLED TO ARMS AS EARLY AS SEPTEMBER 25.

Home guards will be organised in Sumatra according to a scheme already operating in Java.

The Netherlands East Indies Government have, moreover, adopted preliminary measures whereby all persons of no nationality "between the ages of 16 and 60 residing in the N.E.I., or employed on N.E.I. ships, or ships belonging to the N.E.I., will be liable to compulsory civil defence work." — Reuter.

INDIA'S CENSUS

PRELIMINARY CENSUS RETURNS OF INDIA'S POPULATION TAKEN EARLY THIS YEAR DISCLOSE AN INCREASE IN INDIA'S POPULATION BY 46 MILLION OVER THE FIGURES OF 1931, AND POSSIBLY AN ACTUAL INCREASE OF 60 MILLION.

Although it is generally unofficially assumed that India's population numbered 400 million, the census reveals a mere 388 million, being 11 million short in India alone.

The 1931 census showed that the 353 million included Burma with about 14½ million. — Reuter.

ALLIED FORCES ENCOUNTER LITTLE RESISTANCE

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

While the Russian troops advancing southward from the Caucasus and the British in a north-westerly direction from Iraq are meeting very little opposition from the Shah's armies and remarkable cordiality from the civilian population, the authorities in Teheran are beginning to realise their policy of procrastination has landed them in a serious crisis.

The mighty combination of forces represented by Britain and Russia has been challenged by the evasive tactics of the Iranian Government and despite the most earnest warnings there has been no serious attempt to prevent the infiltration of German agents or reduce their numbers.

SHE WANTS TO BE AN A.A. BOY

Rose Waltho, 24, of Stafford, has been chosen as the star gun-girl of the A.T.S. in the Midlands.

Her ambition, she says, is to get a job with the Ack Ack boys and be an anti-aircraft gunner.

At an exhibition of women's war services in Birmingham Rose demonstrated how she could strip, clean and assemble in regulation time the latest types of gun used in the Army.

"I have been in the A.T.S. for nine months," Rose told the Daily Mirror. "At first I was in the sports section at an Army unit, but issuing sports gear all day was far too tame for me. So I went into our Armoury and a sergeant-armourer has taught me all I know about guns."

"I can now strip, adjust and assemble the Hotchkiss gun, Browning machine-gun, Bren gun, anti-tank rifle, Tommy-gun and Lewis gun, and I know all about rifles."

"I am afraid I have no time for boy friends," Rose said. "All my time is taken up studying guns. It is a very responsible job. A little slip in putting together a gun might mean a jam, and death to the gunner."

QUEEN GAVE HIM A LIFT

Queen Mary, seeing a 19-year-old aircraftman trudging along a country road, stopped her car, offered him a lift, invited him to sit beside her, and set him down near his own village in time for Sunday dinner.

As young Teddy Knight — his home is in Wallstead-avenue, Yate, Glos — stepped out of the royal car and saluted, old school-mates saw Queen Mary shake hands with him and wish him luck.

Queen Mary thought he looked hot, so she sent her chauffeur to offer him a lift.

"You're rather young to be in the Services, aren't you?" she asked. "Teddy told her he was 19; that he was training as a flight mechanic, and that he had been a

Now that the blow has fallen the Iranian Government seem disposed to come forward with fresh proposals of a more comprehensive character.

It is believed the Shah informed Sir Reader Bullard, the British Minister in Teheran, that the Iranian Government would be willing to expel all Germans except a few indispensable technicians within a week and even those would be removed as soon as substitutes could be trained.

Tardy Appreciation

Now that the two Governments have taken steps to reduce the evil of German Fifth Columnists' manoeuvres, this offer suggests a somewhat tardy appreciation of the circumstances.

The proposals of the Iranian Government will no doubt receive the fullest consideration but it is obvious that the military operations that have been initiated cannot be suspended until the British and Soviet Governments are satisfied that all potential menace from the Axis in Iran has been effectively countered. — Reuter.

SCHOOLS AS NURSERIES

Britain's eighty-six nursery schools are to be taken over as nursery centres and day nurseries.

This is involved in the transfer of the care of all children aged from one to five — between 4,000,000 and 5,000,000 of them — from the Board of Education to the Health Ministry, details of which are being sent to all local authorities.

Proper Teachers

"If the scheme is properly done, the nation will get all the women needed for work in war industries without any difficulty," said Dr. Barnett Stross, prospective Parliamentary candidate for Hantley, Staffs, at the Labour Party conference in London.

"Proper mothering for a child whose mother is on war work cannot be provided by nurses, or doctors or matrons."

"I am fighting for the appointment of proper teachers and those skilled in the care of children."

lorry driver.

"He felt nervous when she chatted to him," said his mother. "He told me: 'I feel now that I can fight for my country for ever.'"

AXIS PRISONERS TAKEN

It is learned in Simla that a large number of Germans and Italians are among the prisoners taken at Bandar Shapur. Many Iranian naval prisoners were also taken at Khorramshahr.

It is now known that airborne troops were landed in the Haft-keel area to protect the employees of the oil company.

The British are now in complete occupation of Bandar Shapur, Choramshahr, Sylaimanyah and Qasarsikh.

The whole area west of Khorramshahr, along the Shattelarab River, right down to Abadan is in British hands.

On the south bank of the Karun River, the British occupied the floating dock and have secured the passage between Basra and Abadan, and Abadan Island is completely cleared of Iranians. — Reuter.

NO NEW BUILDINGS FOR INDIA

The Government of India has announced in Simla that owing to a severe shortage of supplies no iron and steel will be available for the erection of residential and office buildings and places of amusement. — Reuter.

FIGHTER 'PLANES PROTECTING FORWARD TROOPS

YESTERDAY'S R.A.F. Middle East communique revealed that in Iran on Tuesday R.A.F. fighters continued to provide protection for our forward troops.

One Iranian Hawker-type aircraft was shot down while taking off at Ahwaz and another was attacked on the ground. Our bombers again dropped pamphlets on Isfahan, Giraz and Kasbin.

Another force successfully bombed gun positions and troop concentrations holding Pytak Pass.

Further reports show that during operations by our fighters on August 25, four Iranian aircraft, and not three as stated in the previous communique, were destroyed.

In bombing attacks on Ahwaz aerodrome direct hits were obtained on a hangar setting it on fire and destroying at least one Iranian aircraft.

In Libya

In Libya, several targets in Cyrenaica and Tripolitania were attacked on the night of August 25/26.

Tripoli harbour and dumps near the town were again heavily bombed. A particularly violent explosion was seen to hurl masses of debris high into the air and was followed by a bright fire, and a number of other fires were started near the fort and power station.

At Benghazi, several bombs were dropped on railway sidings and an enemy encampment.

On the same night Fleet Air Arm aircraft bombed the harbour at Bardia and obtained direct hits on ships and started fires among petrol dumps.

South African bombers heavily damaged concentrations of enemy mechanical transport vehicles near Rasuenna on Tuesday.

Shipping Attacked

In the central Mediterranean R.A.F. medium bombers attacked enemy ships on Tuesday.

Direct hits with heavy bombs were obtained on one vessel and

another ship was hit and left sinking.

A number of Macchi 200's which approached Malta on Tuesday evening were engaged by R.A.F. fighters and chased back to Sicily, where three of them were shot down, one falling in a village. Several other enemy fighters were badly damaged.

In Cyprus R.A.F. fighters intercepted and shot down one S89 off Famagusta on Tuesday.

In Abyssinia, enemy positions at Wolkeft and Gondar were bombed and machine-gunned on Tuesday by R.A.F. and South African aircraft.

From all these operations three of our aircraft are missing. — Reuter.

DOMINION ENDORSEMENT

ALL THE DOMINION GOVERNMENTS WERE KEPT INFORMED OF THE PROGRESS OF THE ROOSEVELT-CHURCHILL TALKS, WHICH TOOK PLACE SOMEWHERE IN THE ATLANTIC AND LED TO THE FORMULATION OF WHAT IS NOW KNOWN AS THE ATLANTIC CHARTER, STATES REUTER'S LOBBY CORRESPONDENT.

Whole-hearted approval has been expressed by all the Dominion Governments to the British Government at the terms and aims of the Charter. — Reuter.

SOVIET MILITARY RETICENCE

Leaving Field To Nazi Bombast

Attempt To Drive Wedge In North

WITH A BLARE OF TRUMPETS AND ROLL OF DRUMS, THE GERMANS YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED THE CAPTURE OF VELIKE LUGIA, THE JUNCTION ON THE DIRECT RAILWAY FROM RIGA TO MOSCOW. THEY CLAIM A BIG BAG OF PRISONERS AND 400 GUNS.

OLD SCHOOL TIE ANGERS

Pit lads in County Durham resent the introduction of the old school tie spirit into Air Training Corps recruiting.

Fifty boys from Wheatley Hill and Wingate accepted the invitation to a meeting at the A. J. Dawson Secondary School, Wheatley Hill, at which it was decided to form an A.T.C. Squadron for the district.

But at the first parade thirty who had only elementary school education were turned away.

"No Fault Of Mine"

Mr. J. Ingram, headmaster of the secondary school, who formed the squadron, told the "Daily Mirror."

"It is true that my invitation was to all youths in the district. What has happened since is no fault of mine."

Intervention came from Durham County Education Committee, which gave instructions that only past and present members of the secondary school are to be admitted.

Mr. Thomas Arnold, headmaster of Wheatley Hill Elementary School, is hoping to raise a separate squadron, to which he will admit all suitable boys irrespective of whether they have a secondary or elementary school education.

DUKE OF KENT IN ONTARIO

THE DUKE OF KENT, ON ARRIVAL AT HAMILTON (ONTARIO) YESTERDAY, WAS GREETED BY CIVIC, ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE AND R.A.F. OFFICIALS.

He was escorted along streets lined by Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and his procession was headed by a detachment of Royal Canadian Air Force personnel.

The Duke visited the factory of the Canadian Westinghouse Company and inspected its munitions section, after which he lunched at No. 33 Navigation School at Mount Hope.—Reuter.

N.E.I. IMPORTS

THE UNITED STATES TOOK FIRST PLACE IN EXPORTS TO THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES IN 1940, ACCORDING TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BRITISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES YESTERDAY, STATES A LONDON MESSAGE.

Japan retained second place, Holland took third place, and Great Britain went from fifth to fourth place. Germany fell from fourth to eighth place, shipping goods to the value of some nine million guilders.—Reuter.

The area marks the junction of the armies of Marshal Voroshiloff and Marshal Timoshenko, and it would be a natural place for the Germans to drive in a wedge, writes "Annalist," the military commentator.

The Russian communique again speaks of severe fighting along the front but does not mention any place specifically. It must be admitted that this severe reticence of the Russian communiques does engender a certain degree of nervousness, especially as it leaves the field clear for resounding German claims.

Fortunately these have so often proved to have been exaggerated that they are always treated with extreme reserve.

There is no further news of the fighting in the Leningrad area, nor, more significant still, is there any more information available on the subject of the Russian counter-offensive in the region of Gomel.

Decisive Influence

In well-informed quarters in London, considerable importance is attached to this Soviet attack as it is felt it may have a decisive influence in the Russian salient at Kiev.

Here again one is very near to the point of junction between the left flank of Marshal Timoshenko and the right flank of Marshal Budenny.

Full Of Menace

Having failed in their blitz tactics, and the policy of attrition not yet having yielded appreciable results, the Germans are apparently trying to separate the three Russian commands so as to deal piecemeal with the one offering the best chance of success.

If they are able to retain the initiative, these tactics are certainly full of menace, but it is possible that the Russian commanders have some cards up their sleeves.—Reuter.

BOMBER DOWNS BOMBER

Pilot Off. J. A. J. Bailey, whose skilful manoeuvring enabled his rear gunner to destroy a JU 88 over the North Sea while they were on their way to bomb an important target at Hamburg receives the D.F.C. in a list of awards:

Bar to D.F.C.—Flt. Lt. J. E. McFall.

D.F.C.—Squadron Leader A. T. Sanders, Acting Squadron Leader R. O. M. Graham, Acting Flt. Lt. E. B. Mortimer-Roose, Flt. Off. R. L. F. Day, Pilot Off. F. C. A. Lanning, Acting Flt. Lt. C. Raymond.

D.F.M.—Sgt. J. R. Bushell, Sgt. B. G. Cooke.

Squadron Leader Sanders was the navigator of one of four bombers which in 1938 broke the world record for a long-distance non-stop formation flight by flying 4,300 miles from Cranwell to Ismailia, Egypt.

LENINGRAD A VAST ARMED CAMP: HIGH CONFIDENCE

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent)

PEOPLE WHO HAVE ARRIVED IN MOSCOW FROM LENINGRAD DESCRIBE THE CITY'S TENSE, HEROIC ATMOSPHERE. EVERY HOUSE IS LIKE A FORTRESS AND THROUGHOUT DAY AND NIGHT FIRE-WATCHERS ARE ON EVERY ROOF.

Factories are working at a more intense tempo than ever before. Women have in many cases replaced men who have gone to the front.

The city is working with the slogan "All for the front, all for victory."

The appearance of the streets has changed. Shop windows are sandbagged and boarded up. Troops with bands playing march to the front. Red Cross nurses wearing blue overalls are seen everywhere.

The city will clearly be defended by the most modern methods. The A.A. batteries in and around Leningrad are as active and as well-equipped as Moscow's, and the Germans have already suffered enormous losses—101 planes in the last two days.

Outlook Brighter

The general outlook has unquestionably improved in recent days. The German advance on Leningrad continues but, slowly owing to the violent resistance put up for every inch of ground by the Russian troops, inspired by Leningrad's determination to defend itself to the last and accepting the German challenge with Leningrad's innate pride.

The eyes of the whole Soviet Union are fixed on Leningrad and the town's defence becomes somehow for every man a question of personal honour. Leningrad's biggest problem is to maintain communications and supplies with Moscow and Volga from the east.

Nazi Tactics

Indications are that the Germans are for the present moving up along the difficult and comparatively inaccessible country between Novgorod and Leningrad

and are not venturing too close to the Moscow-Leningrad railway, with the Moscow base still comparatively close to their present whereabouts.

They may not attempt to cut the railway until they are much nearer to Leningrad.

For moving heavy equipment, conditions are becoming extremely unfavourable for the Germans, especially if the rainy weather continues and increases the precariousness of the long lines of communications.

Proud Prophecy

There is a growing feeling in Moscow that Marshal Voroshiloff's proud prophecy that Leningrad will never fall in Fascist hands is not a vain boast, but may be the prelude to one of this war's most glorious epics.

Both on account of the number of men and the equipment in Leningrad it will be difficult for the Germans to bring up adequate forces over long distances to smash Leningrad's defence.

Offensive Weakening

Other sections of the front give the impression that the big German drive which started over a fortnight ago is exhausting itself and it will take time before another is ready, and time works against the Germans, especially in the north and central sectors.

THE GERMANS HAVE CERTAINLY NOT SUCCEEDED IN CROSSING THE LOWER DNEPER AND ARE STUCK THERE.

What is equally important, the arm of the anti-Ukrainian pioneer movement from Gomel

TWO 'PLANES CRASH IN PORTUGAL

Two British twin-engined 'planes came down in Portugal yesterday.

One made a forced landing on the coast close to Lisbon and the other at Foreira, in Oporto district.

Both 'planes were burned out but the crews are safe.—Reuter.

HUGE NAZI DUMP BLOWN UP

Recent reports from Norway indicate that despite the state of siege existing, acts of sabotage are steadily increasing, according to a Moscow report yesterday.

"The German authorities have made recourse to mass arrests and the concentration camps are fully over-flowing," says the report.

One of the most important acts of the saboteurs occurred at Trondheim where a "violent explosion was heard. It was a huge dump of German aerial bombs."

Many fires are raging in Norway, says the report, especially in districts where the German command have built important secret military establishments.—Reuter.

ADA WAITS 50 YEARS TO MARRY

Tom and Ada were sweethearts. Tom was a handsome, hard-working, ambitious young man, and Ada the belle of their village. They lived at Garstang, Lancashire.

Ada Payne left the village to find work. Tom Jenkinson stayed and built up a successful business.

After some years he met another and married.

But Ada never "walked out" with another young man.

After the healing years had gone by she went back to her native village, now grown into a town. She did not see Tom.

A few more years passed and it was exactly fifty years since Tom and Ada had parted.

Then Tom, now a widower, was told that his old sweetheart was living in Garstang.

Tom went to see Ada. They took some of their old country walks.

Tom proposed. He was accepted and, both aged seventy-five, they were married at the village church they had attended together fifty years before.

with which the Germans hoped to have penetrated to Brest and Kharkov, in the Don Basin, has been effectively snatched off by the Russians by what appears to be a most effective counter-offensive in the Gomel area.

Dnieper-Petrovsk's capture is not confirmed by the Russians.

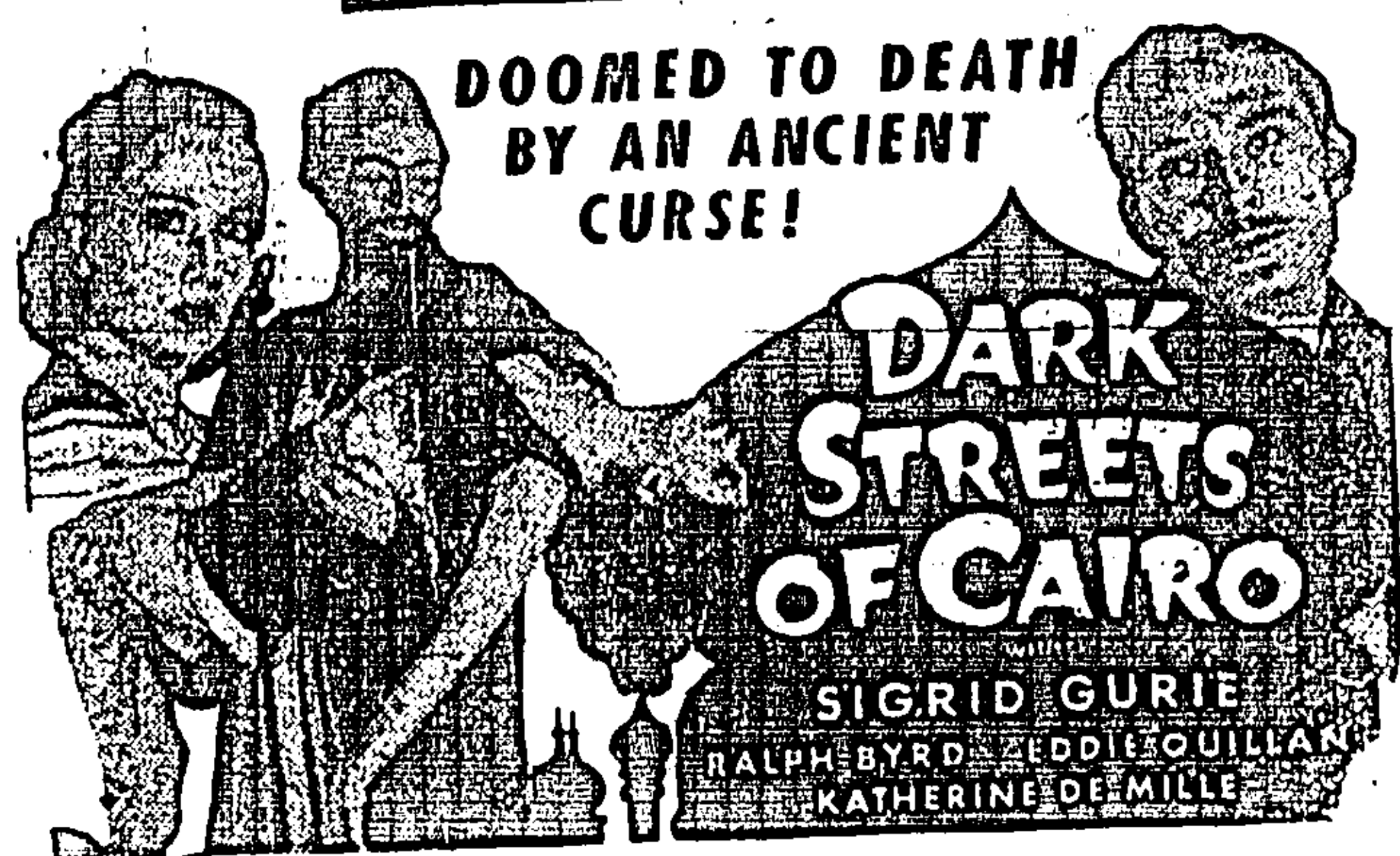
Enormous Licking

Failure of the drive against Kiev is manifest—the Germans got an enormous licking again there a few days ago—and the defence of Odessa, the Black Sea's "super-Tobruk"—continues effectively and promises to be a constant thorn in the side of the occupiers of the western Ukraine.—Reuter.

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BLÉNHEIMS MAKE HAY AMONG GERMAN NORTH SEA CONVOYS

PICKINGS ARE BECOMING a bit rare these days for the boys of the Coastal Command and therefore when the eager eyes of these flyers observe a large German convoy they allow no obstacle or danger to stand in their way.

On Tuesday at about noon a group of Blenheim bombers flying on patrol without benefit of fighter escorts sighted a large enemy convoy off the German Frisian Islands.

It was observed that the convoy was extremely well protected. There were six "flak" ships, which are vessels especially fitted as anti-aircraft destroyers, bristling with guns, guarding the merchantmen, while above circled a patrol of Messerschmitt 110's at about 1,000 feet.

AGAINST THIS FORMIDABLE LINE THE BLÉNHEIMS ROARED IN LOW TO THE ATTACK.

The first pilot singled out a freighter as target and the crew believes he got a hit although they could not verify because the pilot had to make a sharp turn to avoid hitting the ship's mast.

Great Flash

Another Blenheim attacked a freighter, dropping bombs amidships causing a great flash of flames and smoke to leap into the air.

The other crews busily occupied themselves bombing and machine-gunning the ships and escorts.

Meanwhile, as was expected, the enemy aircraft escort peeled off and came down to engage the Blénheims which were skillfully intent on creating havoc amongst the merchantmen but the British were ready for this contingency and one flight of Blénheims, acting as a section in flying formation, adopted evasive tactics while its gunners kept a concentrated fire on the enemy planes.

One gunner alone, according to the Air Ministry news service, fired 1,500 rounds of ammunition. He saw pieces fall off a Messerschmitt but there was no time for checking scores.

Blenheim Hit

The flak ships put up a fierce defence and one Blenheim was seen to fly through the thick of the barrage and receive a hit. It dived into the sea.

About an hour later Blénheims with a fighter escort found an even larger convoy off the Dutch coast.

There were two lines of merchantships, staggered in line astern with flak ships at the four corners of the convoy and two in the middle on the seaward side.

Guns on shore reinforced the flak ships' barrage.

Enemy fighters were seen but they stood off, not engaging either the Blénheims or the escort fighters.

A Blenheim attacked one of the largest ships in the convoy from a height of 50 feet, dropping a bomb which blew all the top works from amidships causing a billow of black smoke immediately to cover the entire vessel.

Quickly Sank

The following Blenheim dropped a bomb on the same ship which broke up and quickly sank.

In all, four other ships were hit and left blanketed in flames. Both fighters and bombers machine-gunned the bridges and decks of many of the ships.

"Nothing could have lived on those bridges after we had put such loads of lead in them," said one Blenheim gunner.—Reuter.

WOMAN FOUGHT BANDITS

Single-handed a woman porter attacked three men as they raced to their car after snatching £150 wages money from a girl clerk.

Mrs. Dorothy Stapleton, of Lothrop Street, Queen's Park, London, W., was on duty outside a block of flats at Park West, Edgware Road, when she saw two men attack the cashier, Miss Mary Hall, who was returning from the bank with the staff salaries.

The men knocked Miss Hall over and jumped for the waiting car. As they ran, Mrs. Stapleton caught them up. Kicking and hitting out with her fists, she hung on to the thief with the money and was dragged along as the car gathered speed.

"Then they threw me out," she told the reporter. "I was bruised and grazed, but the thing that worries me is my new stockings. I'll never be able to wear them again. I only bought them last night. That's two coupons gone."

POLISH PILOT'S DUCK MASCOT

A superstitious Polish Sgt.-Pilot, seeking a mascot, saw an Aylesbury duck swimming on a pond at an airport where he was stationed. To him the duck meant luck, and though it belonged to a police-constable he took it away with him. The pilot, who recently shot down a German plane, was charged with stealing the duck, which was valued at 12s. The constable told the Bench: "I do not think he wanted the duck as food. I really think that he took it away for a mascot." An officer who acted as the sergeant's interpreter said that Polish airmen were very superstitious and liked mascots. He did not think that the sergeant intended to steal the duck. The case was dismissed on payment of 5s costs, which one of the magistrates offered to pay "in view of the fact that he shot down a German plane."

MAN DEAD IN PARK

A PARK-KEEPER AT HILLY FIELDS, ENFIELD (MIDDLESEX), IN EARLY MORNING DISCOVERED A DEAD MAN AND AN UNCONSCIOUS GIRL ON THE GRASS.

Nearby was a bottle of tablets. The girl, Violet Munday, 19, Theobalds Park Road, Enfield, was stated to be progressing.

The man, Thomas Mills, 33, married, with two children, Banstead-avenue, Edmonton, N., was a chemist's assistant. He and the girl had worked in the same shop.

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"We have implicit confidence in each other and in our cultural background which is essential to international understanding," said Dr. Quo Tai-chi, Minister of Foreign Affairs, in a speech at the Confucius' birthday party given by the Chinese-American Institute of Cultural Relations last night.

Dr. Quo said that though conversations are going on in Washington between the United States and Japan, not the slightest apprehension is entertained by the Chinese that China's interests will not be upheld on the fundamental principles of international policy.

Mr. Clarence E. Gauss, American Ambassador to China, who was present said: "Where America stands with reference to China and the Far East is known to you all.

On March 15th, President Roosevelt said, 'America will extend to China immediately all possible aid.' America does not enter into or take lightly any commitments."

Mr. Owen Lattimore, personal adviser to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, dwelt on the importance of Sino-American cultural relations.

Other prominent guests included Mr. Kung Teh-cheng, 77th lineal descendant of Confucius. Central News.

DOWN WITH THE DAWN

In the Battle of Britain last year rural England got used to seeing British airmen floating down by parachute after fighting and beating the Germans at great odds.

Now that the enemy has been obliged to reduce his air offensive, the sight is not so common, and it was therefore a rather startled and suspicious farmer who regarded a dishevelled-looking fighter pilot who knocked him up at dawn one morning last month.

"I am afraid he took an extremely poor view of me for a time," grinned the pilot when eventually he got back to his base, "but after a while the situation was grasped and the inevitable cup of tea produced."

The pilot had had some difficulty in leaving his aircraft. As he jumped his leg caught on something but this luckily gave way when he pushed.

"I must have been at about 1,500—2,000 feet when I got clear," he said. "My parachute, however, opened almost instantly and I felt a heavy jolt as it filled. This was followed by a pleasant sensation of quietness and the feeling that I was not falling."

But the "pleasant sensation" was short lived for a little while later, as the pilot himself described it, "I landed with considerable force in a ploughed field—on my tail!"

A POLISH PILOT'S SKILL

DURING A RECENT ATTACK ON GERMANY A HEAVY BOMBER MANNED BY A POLISH CREW WAS ATTACKED BY A MESSERSCHMITT 110.

In the encounter the bomber was so badly damaged that it became almost uncontrollable, but the captain, helped by his second pilot and the front gunner, exerted all his strength on the controls and succeeded in keeping the bomber on its homeward course.

The enemy's fire had severely damaged the fin and the oil pipes to the turrets as well as the engine cowlings and the exhaust ring. The flaps were also made unworkable, but in spite of this the pilot made a safe landing.

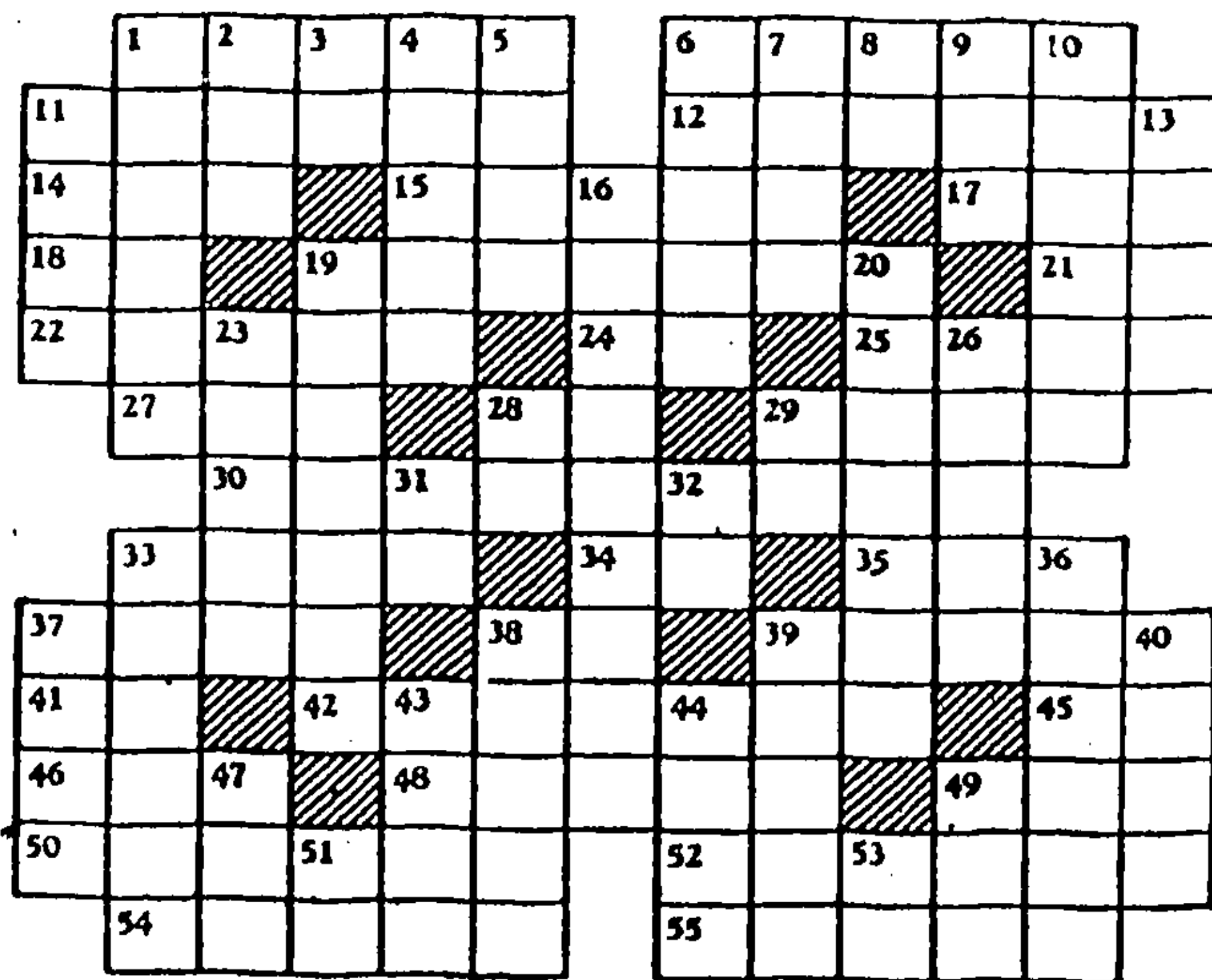
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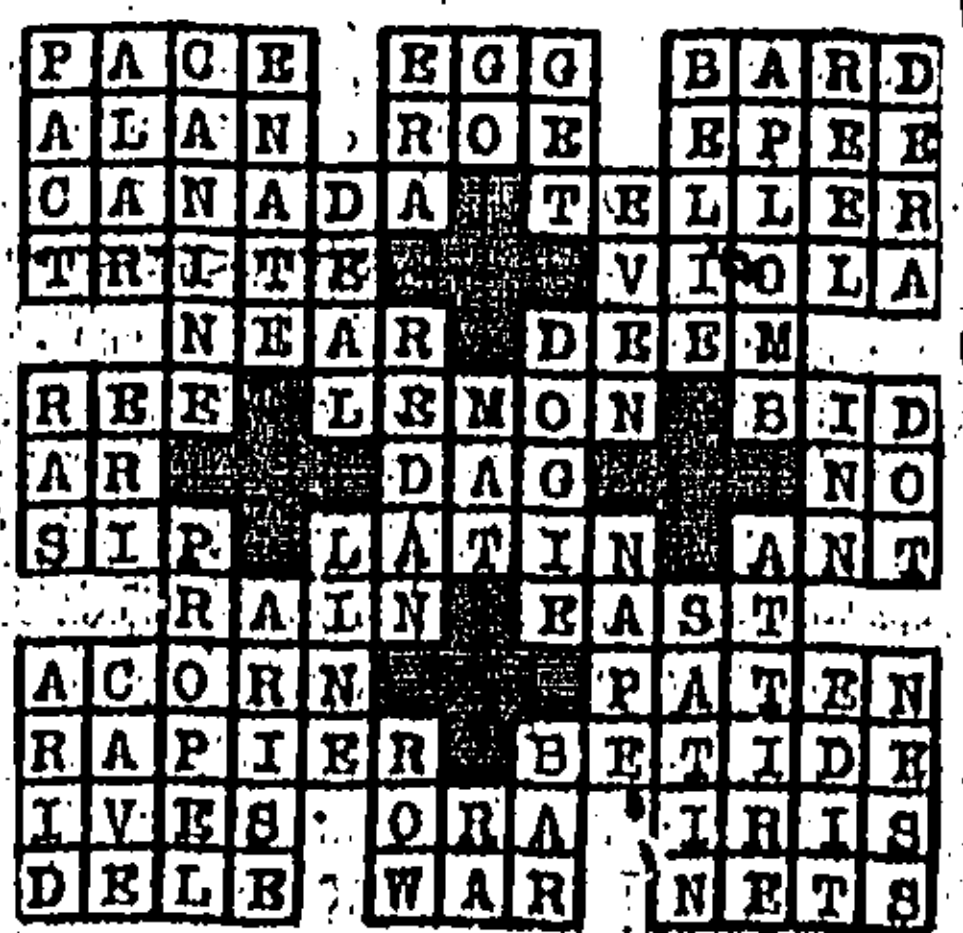


- HORIZONTAL**
- 1 Saxon chief
 - 6 Capital of Egypt
 - 11 Redeemer
 - 12 To fasten
 - 14 Epoch
 - 15 Author of "The Rights of Man"
 - 17 Music: as written
 - 18 Symbol for tantalum
 - 19 Internal glandular secretion
 - 21 Latin conjunction
 - 22 Assyrian deity (var.)
 - 24 Hebrew letter
 - 25 Tangles
 - 27 Hindu weight
 - 28 Butterfly
 - 29 Writer
 - 30 Detachment to Korea, men into naval service
 - 33 Reclined
 - 34 Toward
 - 35 English River
 - 37 To remove
 - 38 Symbol for gold
 - 39 European blackbird

- 41 Four
- 42 Compacted in rows
- 45 Article
- 46 Ocean
- 48 Loam deposit
- 49 Insect
- 50 Greece
- 52 To enter for conquest
- 54 River in France
- 55 Appears

- VERTICAL**
- 1 To vex
 - 2 Eggs
 - 3 Japanese measure
 - 4 Profound sleep
 - 5 Sandarac tree
 - 6 Light Indian craft
 - 7 Solar disc
 - 8 Pronoun
 - 9 Ethiopian title
 - 10 Groups of eight
 - 11 Bristle
 - 13 Head-coverings
 - 16 Deception
 - 19 Hastens
 - 20 Altered
 - 23 Calyx leaf
 - 26 Wrath
 - 28 Exists
 - 29 Colloquial: father
 - 31 Printer's measure
 - 32 To depart
 - 33 Embankments
 - 36 African antelopes
 - 37 Plate
 - 39 Ascended
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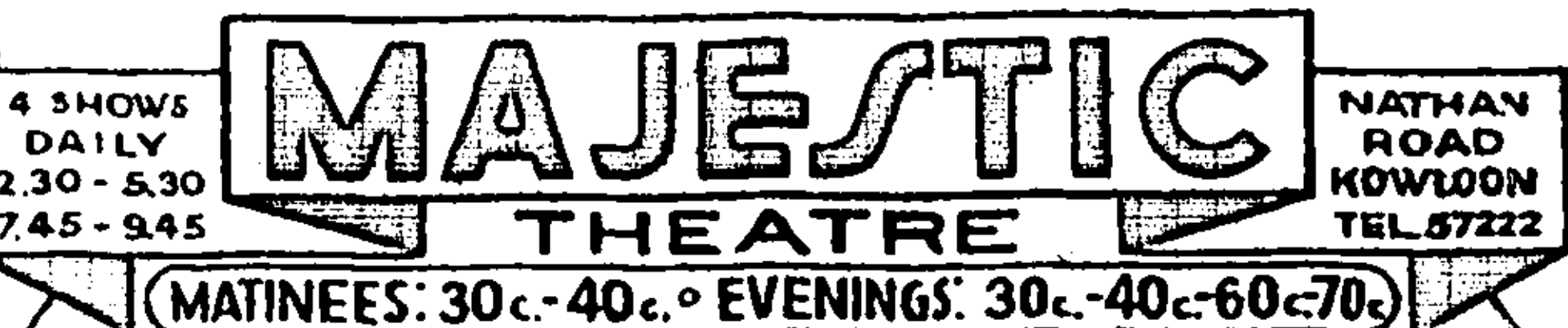


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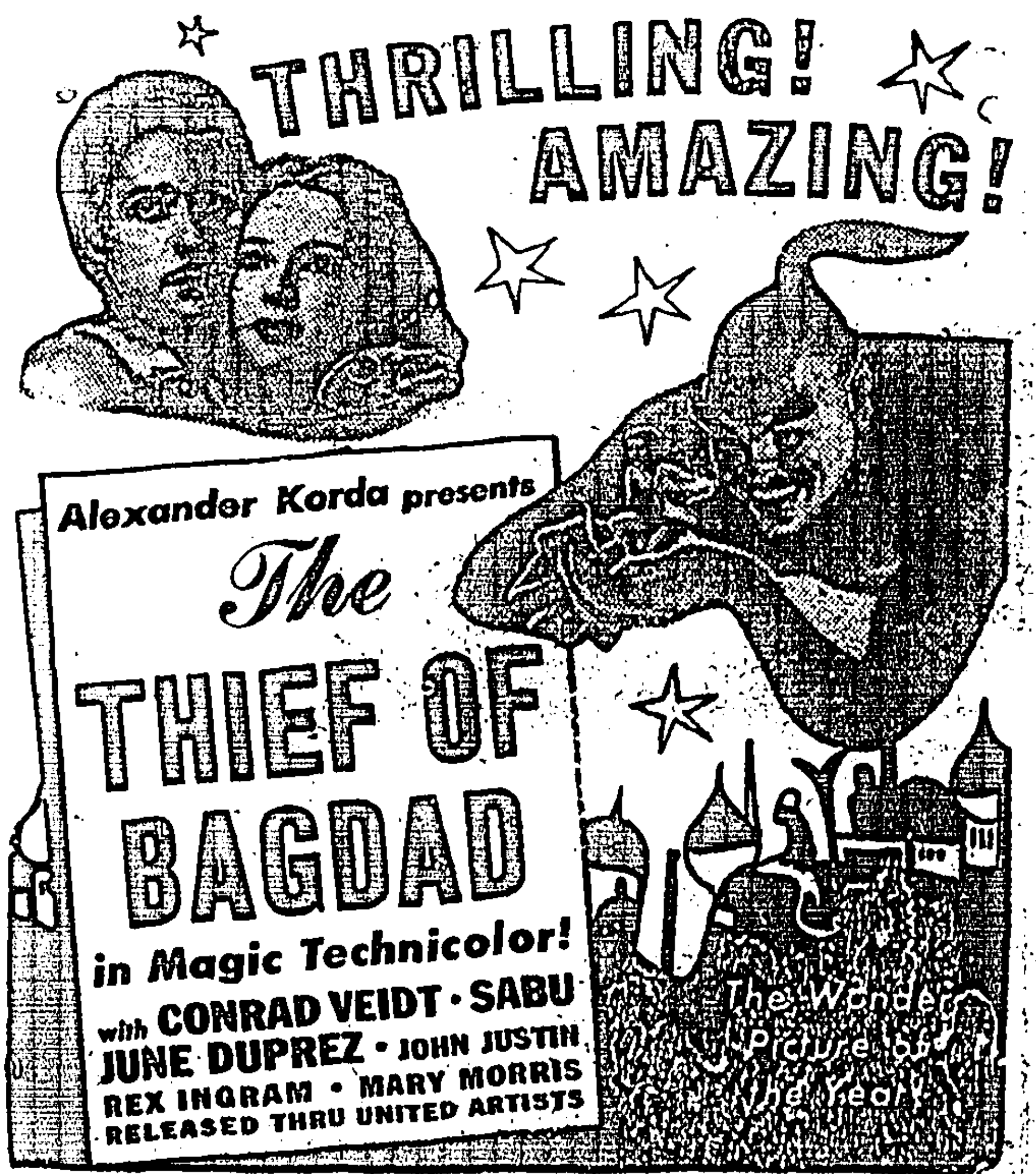
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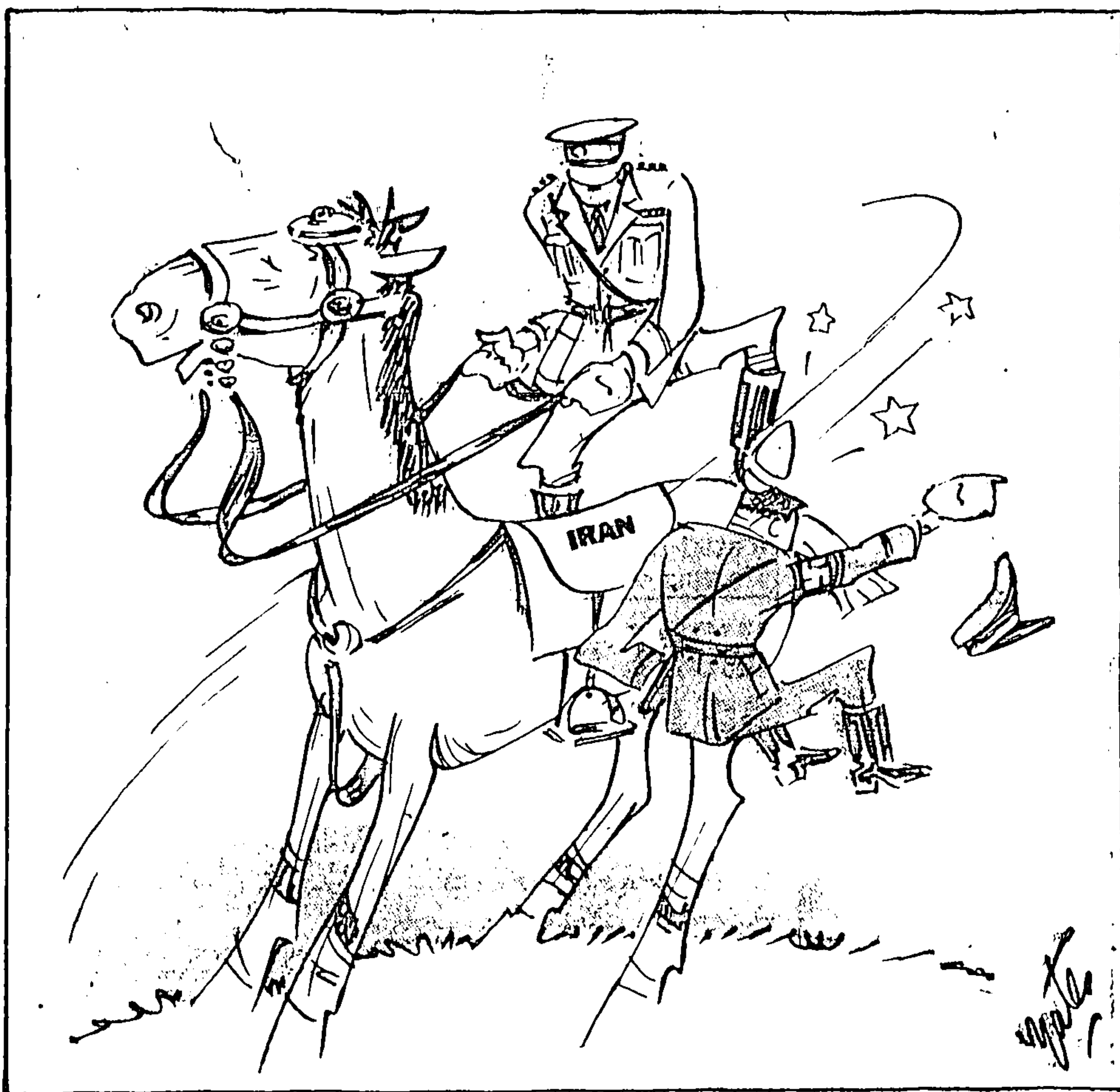
The V sign is an antidote to defeatism. It is a defiance, in the occupied countries, of things as they are, and a reminder like that graven on Solomon's ring, that "even this will pass." These emblems have a power to inspire men far greater than mere logic, since human beings do not conduct their lives by logic, but by sentiment or instinct. Thus the Union Jack stands for British power and courage, the Red Cross for mercy and help. Now, to add to these, we have the V for Victory.

The German Propaganda Department which at first sought to suppress it in the occupied countries, also, by an extraordinary blunder, sought to show that its Morse equivalent is in the opening bar of the great C Minor Symphony of Beethoven, a product of Germany, when Germany still had the respect and affection of the world, and preferred music to machine-guns. The only result of this was that the citizen of France or Norway is able to go down the street yodelling the first two bars of the "Fifth," and when challenged by the German oppressor, declare that it was the German "Viktoria" he meant, not the victory of Britain. By adopting it—with a characteristic lack of humour—the Germans help it to spread, and give it permanence.

It has now got a good start of any clumsy Nazi attempt at adoption. Coming as it does when the Russians' courageous and skilful defence is causing perturbation in Berlin, and the roar of the augmented R.A.F. squadrons on their way to blast Germany grows louder and more persistent each day, it may, despite its apparent ingenuousness, help considerably in shortening the time of the war.

It has the merit of extreme simplicity—even a half-wit can understand it and learn the "dot-dot-dot-dash" of the Morse equivalent, and a piece of chalk is the only instrument necessary to make an impressive display on the walls of town or village. It panders, too, to that deep pleasure which most men feel in giving secret passwords and signals; the same pleasure which the German Nazi feels in giving the Nazi salute and crying "Hell Hitler!"

Thus, while it is not an impressive contribution to



WHAT? NO MORE FREE RIDES?

Pilots Who Never Fight

This is the story of the 'planes that never carry guns—of 'planes that for a year now have kept open, through Nazi-infested skies, Britain's lifeline to the Empire.

It is the story of the pilots who never fight, as, day after day, they fly through the war zone between Britain and Lisbon—last link with the Continent.

They have just celebrated the first anniversary of the opening of the service—a service without which it would be impossible for the rest of the Empire to be served by air.

Not once has a 'plane been shot down. It has been suggested that Germany finds it useful to have a speedy means of contact with Britain—for war, after all, does need some discussion. Red Cross, prisoners of war, repatriation—all these things have to be worked out between deadly foes, locked in combat.

The pilots take no chances. They never take the same route. Sometimes they zig-zag along the coast, sometimes they fly wide into the Atlantic. When they near Britain, they change altitude and hunt for friendly banks of cloud in which to hide.

As the 'plane nears land, the little Cockney steward who serves lunch clamps discs to the port-holes so that the passengers cannot see out of the 'plane. When the coast line is left behind, they are taken out.

It is impossible, of course, for a casual passenger to get a seat, even if he could pay his £35 fare

human thought, it is an extremely good propaganda device, and may contribute very considerably to the overthrow of Nazism if it persists, by lightening the sense of defeat which now must hang heavy over Europe with a gleam of the freedom to come.

ten times over. Five hundred priority passengers a month fill the 'planes. Quite rightly. This service, stripped of its peace-time luxury, is running now for one reason only—to bring the whole of the Empire and America into close range of the battlefield. Think of Winant slipping over to

By

Noel Barber

the States to have a chat about things with Roosevelt. Could he have done that without a 'plane to get him to Lisbon? Never.

The service started in June, 1940, before France fell, but while Hurricanes were battling over the continent, our landplanes never missed a flight.

When France fell another section of the war plan of Britain's civil aviation came into action.

Flying Boats Take Up Task

The luxury landplanes—without an intermediate air-port where they could refuel—stayed on the ground, and into the air soared some of Britain's non-stop flying boats.

They flew direct—they still fly direct—from Britain to Portugal. But it was soon found that there were not enough of them. There are routes over the Tasman Sea and tracts down the African coast that need flying boats. So Britain pressed into service the landplanes of one of her toughest allies—the Dutch.

From K.L.M.—that great Dutch peace-time air company—were chartered landplanes capable of taking passengers and mail in one hop to Lisbon.

To-day, British pilots in their flying boats and Dutch pilots in their landplanes share the honour of keeping open the first link in the life-line of the air—a very vital link.

To realise the importance of the Lisbon flight, one has to get it into its proper perspective.

These boats and 'planes that leave Britain for Lisbon are often winging southward on the first stage of an 18,000 mile journey that ends on the other side of the world. From the heart of the war, these 'planes are serving more than 20 countries.

In 1940, they flew 5,000,000 miles keeping the lifelines of the Empire open. They delivered 30,000,000 letters—letters that would have taken weeks or months if they had gone by sea.

South Africa's Airways Centre

Durban is now the centre of a twice-weekly service that operates along the familiar sky paths of East Africa, India and Malaya to Australia. And though to-day the trip from Lisbon to Africa is routine, less than a year ago it was adventure.

At first, passengers and mail had to go by sea from Lisbon to Durban. It meant a lot of irritation and delay.

So one night Tony Loraine of Overseas Airways set off on a new route.

His first stop was Lisbon—though that trip was already commonplace. But from there he flew—without radio help, without weather forecasts—over an uncharted route to West Africa. In his 'plane were representatives of Free France. The situation in the French African colonies was ugly. It was imperative they should reach there quickly. The next morning he landed at Bathurst in Gambia.

What a trip! Made at night—casually, without any fuss—it was almost equal in length to an Atlantic crossing. A brief pause, and the great ship of the air went on to Freetown and so to Lagos. Thus was the second stage inaugurated—a new air-link with the West coast of Africa.

Trans-African air routes take men and mails across to Durban. From there—well, that is easy to the pilots who never fight.

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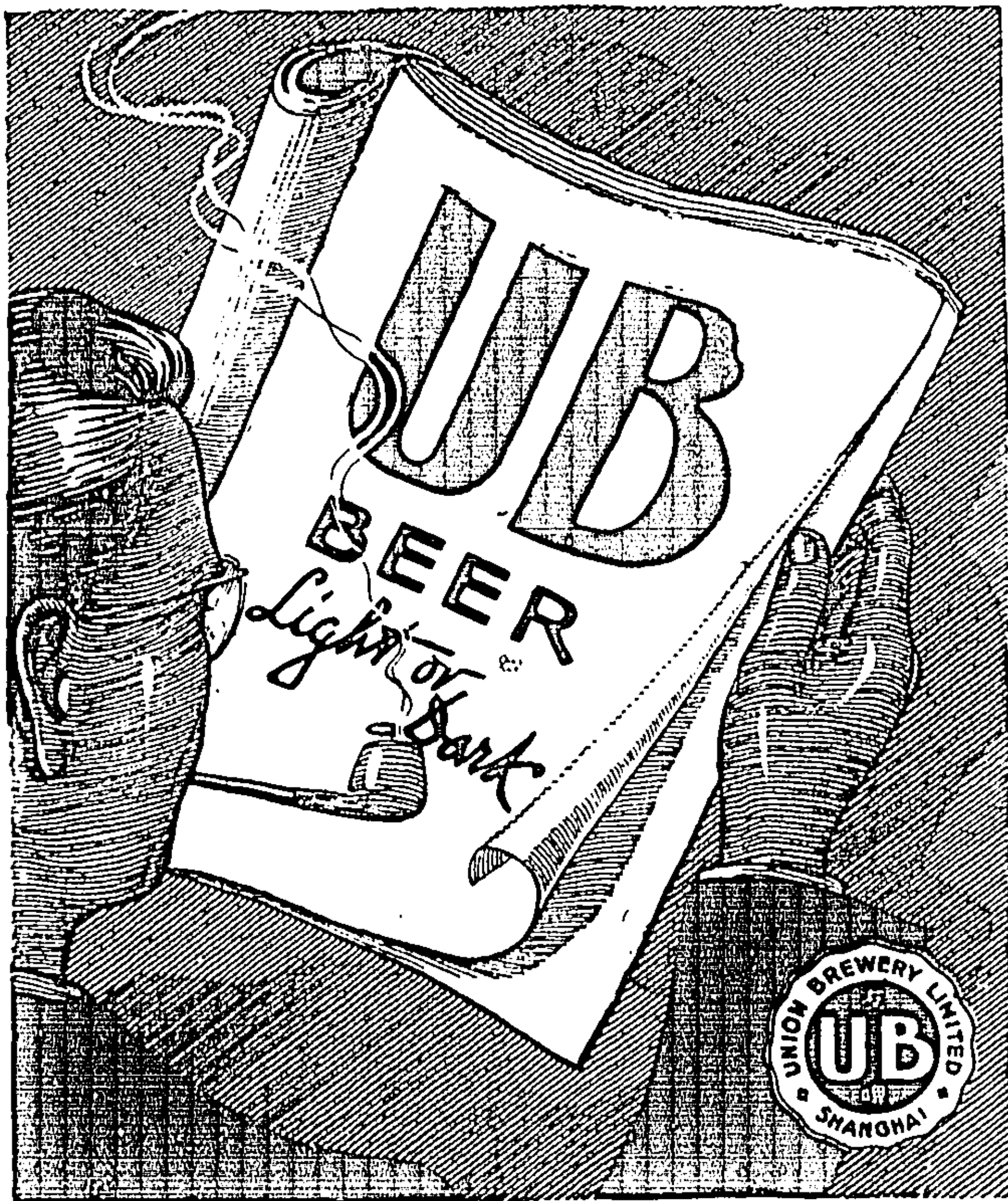
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IRAQI USURPER TRIED TO TAKE AWAY LOOT

WHEN THE IRAQI usurper, Rashid Ali, passed through the post of Bacuba, north-east of Baghdad, on his flight into Iran, his car was stopped by the police and his baggage searched.

As a result £160,000 of Iraqi currency, newly looted from the banks in Baghdad, was confiscated. He was allowed only £120 to take into exile.

NIGHT DRAMA OF CRETE'S EVACUATION

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elaborately worked out, represents only one of the three phases by which the German airborne attack is carried out.

The first phase consists of the methodical bombing and ground strafing of the area to be attacked. The second is the dropping of parachutists, who establish defensive positions and prepare bases for the third stage, the arrival of troops by plane and glider.

The equipment of the parachutists provides the fullest evidence of the high degree of organisation of the German Army down to the most meticulous details.

Each parachutist carries 4,000 rounds of ammunition, 56 hand grenades and a varied and compressed food supply. Their maps are miracles of detail and accuracy. Those taken in Crete contained indications of strategic points to be seized, posts for light artillery and mortars, British ammunition dumps, and sites for the Germans.

There were also detailed markings of the positions of British units. There was evidence here, however, that the Germans had seriously underestimated the number of British troops actually in Crete—a misjudgment which contributed to prolonging the struggle materially, and which prevented the hoped for runaway conquest.

Nevertheless there is good reason to believe, from the evidence of prisoners taken during the closing days of the Crete battle, that the Germans had no more parachutists available. This was borne out by evidence during the evacuation from Sphakia.

On the day preceding our arrival offshore the town had been heavily bombed, and it was reasonable to assume that the Germans were fully aware of the British intention to evacuate from there.

Nothing would have been easier than to drop a number of parachutists there to await the arrival of weary British troops descending by twos and threes and in little groups down the mountain-side.

Greek Officer's Ruse

Our men paid the highest tribute to the courage, tenacity and resource of the Cretans.

One of the best stories is that of a Greek captain captured by German parachutists during the first day's fighting. Brought before a German lieutenant he was questioned about the disposition of the Allied forces in the neighbourhood.

Knowing the small numbers of British and Greek troops actually in the district he determined to have recourse to bluff. Multiplying by eight or 10 the number of each Allied picket known to him, he succeeded in conveying to the lieutenant the impression that a most formidable force was surrounding his parachutists, whereas actually there were only a few scattered pickets.

To his intense surprise he found that the German officer entirely accepted the story, showed signs of distinct distress and expressed a desire to surrender with his troops to the nearest picket.

HONOUR IS DEAD

Because, he says, honour cannot survive in a land that co-operates with Hitler, Mr. Samuel Hardenchurch, 82, Carnegie Insti-

Iraqi leaders of all denomination and parties were at the Rose Palace to meet the Regent, the Emir Abdul Illam, when he returned to Baghdad.

There were the turbaned heads of the two Moslem religious communities, the Armenian Bishop with his hood like a black Ku-Klux-Klan headdress, the Orthodox and Nestorian bishops with their crimson stomachers under black silk cassocks, and the Papal delegate in a plain white dress.

There was also the square-bearded Speaker of Parliament, whom the Queen-Mother had trusted with the fate of the boy King Faisal after the trouble broke out, and who sent him up north.

And there were the Iraqi friends of Britain, scores of them, who had had to go to ground for a month during the Rashid regime to escape imprisonment for being pro-British. It is now their consolation to know that the Nazi-paid gang is humiliated.

Ordeal Of Refugees

Extraordinary tales of endurance are told by the British refugees in the British Embassy, who gathered there on receiving a single-word message "Concentrate," two days before the trouble.

Mrs. Curnick, the wife of a Cornish engineer caught in Baghdad on the way home, said she had shared a room with 18 other women.

The days were not dull for the Embassy's 360 guests, for there were all sorts of experts within the besieged walls—archaeologists, historians and diplomats who had been to every quarter of the globe.

So there was plenty of material for nightly lectures and daily tea-time talks, which were varied by dances and sing-songs, though the guests could not make too much noise and irritate the Iraqis.

Much the same regime was maintained at the American Legation, where, on the pretext that the Minister, Mr. Knabenshue, had shown a lack of neutrality by accommodating 170 British refugees from his end of the city, the legation was equally cut off.

Rebel Officer's Story

The Embassy refugees listened to the B.B.C. reports on the progress of the relieving force.

But they did not discover how near a relief was till a cannonade one evening three miles off revealed that the British were at Baghdad's gates.

A young Iraqi officer, who fought against us, and whose father, a Turkish Field-Marshal, was killed in the last war during the Mesopotamian campaign, told his side of the 30 days' war.

"It was merely a matter of obeying senior officers' orders," he said. "Italian fighter planes always seemed to appear in the sky just after your bombers had vanished. All but one of the German Messerschmitts sent here were shot down long before the end. When our leaders disappeared we could do nothing but give up."

German participation received two severe blows in the first fortnight. One was when the German mission arrived headed by the former Nazi Minister in Baghdad, Grobba, and found Rashid Ali's gang so inefficient—they did not even know the whereabouts and quality of the country's petrol stores—that the Germans left within three days.

The second was when Blomberg, head of the German air force in the Balkans, sent here to organise German air assistance, was shot down over Bacuba.

tute president, has sent back his Legion of Honour and cabled his censure to Marshal Petain. —Reuter.

EVIDENCE HIDDEN IN SHOT MAN'S HEART

Police at St. Thomas, Ontario, are unable to discover which of two people shot a man because the evidence—a bullet—is lodged in the outer sac of the man's heart.

The shot man is suffering no ill effects.—Associated Press.

14 IN WEDDING POISONING

Soon after the reception at the bride's home, fourteen members of a wedding party were taken in ambulances and private cars to Leicester Royal Infirmary suffering from food poisoning caused, it is suspected, by eating tinned salmon.

One was allowed to go after treatment, but the other thirteen were detained.

The affected people include the soldier-bridegroom, Ernest Worley, Morton Road, Leicester, and his twin brother, James, who was best man.

The bride, who did not eat any salmon, was not affected.

HE SAW ADOLF CRY

The late Sir Hugh Walpole, the novelist, who saw Hitler in tears, met the Fuehrer at Bayreuth in 1924, soon after the Munich prison episode.

"I remember that he cried," wrote Sir Hugh, "and that I felt his passion for Germany so sincere that it seemed to burn through his ugly boots into the ground, and that I liked him and thought him, in every way, tenth rate."

Walpole began writing when six, and at nine he wrote and illustrated a story of smuggling.

NOW HE'S GOT TIME FOR REFLECTION!

Shouting "I'm anti-Roosevelt—Hell Hitler!" John Callahan was charged at Buffalo, New York, with being drunk and disorderly.

The Magistrate: Thirty days. Callahan: I'm still of the same opinion.

The Magistrate: But I've changed mine. Do sixty days.

NURSES IN ADDIS ABABA

A Red Cross unit is to start a permanent hospital at Addis Ababa. Two British doctors, several native dressers and dispensers and four British nurses from England will form the staff.

GIRL CLIMBED BLAZING GAS TANK IN RAID

A COLLEGE GIRL climbed sixty feet up a bomb-riddled gas holder with tools and clay while her father and his foreman fought the blazing gas. One man had volunteered but could not make it.

The girl is Lorna Duncan, 20, whose father, Mr. George Duncan, manager of a northern gas works, has been awarded the M.B.E. Foreman Joseph Callaghan receives the George Medal.

2-PLANE RESCUE IN AIR

Two U.S. Navy Air Corps men were reported to the Navy Department in Washington on the ground that their thrilling mid-air rescue of a comrade was unorthodox and illegal.

And the Secretary, Colonel Frank Knox, has just recommended them for decorations.

This is how it happened: Lieutenant Walter Osipoff leaped by parachute from a transport plane a mile and a half above San Diego, California, and was held hanging just beneath the undercarriage when the chute cords tangled.

Officers' Dilemma

Fellow officers in the plane tried to pull him back, but could not. Nor could they land, without killing Osipoff.

Watchers on the naval airfield saw their plight. Two of them ran to a tiny, open plane.

With Lieutenant Osipoff dangling helplessly beneath it, the transport plane flew over the sea where the air was smoother. The open plane followed, one of its occupants brandishing a knife ready to slash at Osipoff's parachute.

Slashed At Cords

Skilfully, the pilots manoeuvred their planes, one flying just below the other, until Osipoff was in a position to slip into the open rear-cockpit of the lower machine. Then the man with the knife desperately slashed at the parachute cords that still held Osipoff while the pilot turned the nose of his machine slightly upwards so that the propellers cut some of the cords.

Five seconds' work—and Osipoff was free. The planes parted company. Osipoff jainted.

"BOMB RIVIERA," SAY FRENCHMEN

"WHY DON'T THE R.A.F. BOMB THE RAILWAY LINES RUNNING ALONG THE FRENCH AND ITALIAN RIVIERA INTO ITALY?"

This question (says a Reuter message from the French frontier) is being put by many Frenchmen.

The lines between Ventimiglia and San Remo (both on the Italian side of the border) have been doubled and a new station built at Ventimiglia.

Italian troops are stationed at Menton (on the French side of the border.)

THEY MAY MARRY AT 12

Girls of twelve are permitted to marry in four American States, and boys of fourteen are allowed to take a wife in seven States, a survey discloses.

Mr. Duncan, 64, was recovering from pneumonia when the Nazis raided his works.

Seeing a blaze on the top of a gasholder he climbed up and fought the flames until he had to return to the ground exhausted.

Callaghan went up. He fought new outbreaks and repaired bomb holes while Lorna climbed with clay and tools.

He carried on until he was overcome by escaping gas. Then Mr. Duncan took a hand again. He rescued his foreman and gave him first aid.

Morning saw the triumph of two men and a girl. The works were saved.

Callaghan told the "Daily Mirror": "The boss is not strong and I think Lorna was worried about him."

"So she was glad to be in the thick of it herself."

Crawl Saves Maid

Dr. Laura Bateman wins the George Medal for a "gallant and difficult action" at Brook Hospital, Shooter's Hill, S.E.

While a porter held her ankles, she crawled under debris at the bomb-wrecked hospital to give an anaesthetic to a maid trapped by girders and masonry.

The debris threatened to subside and crush the doctor.

Nurse Valentine Howell, 60, of Colindale Hospital, Hendon, N.W., is awarded the British Empire Medal for her "remarkable coolness and presence of mind" in rescuing a patient as the ceiling and wall of a wrecked ward began to fall.

Sergeant Charles Arthur Hales, K. Division, Metropolitan Police, receives the George Medal for rescuing three of his men from a blazing cinema.

Stanley Newell, leader of the Grove Vale (Dulwich) rescue squad, and Ernest Rider, one of his men, receive the British Empire Medal. They rescued ten buried people alive.

Newell said: "Two women were trapped on the fourth floor of a house about to collapse. The staircases had broken away."

"We got at them by ladders, cut away two floors, and lowered them through. Then we lowered them to the ground down the other two storeys in the front."

'DOWN TO SEA' AS D.F.C. AWAITED

"He was last seen going down towards the sea."

Flight-Lieutenant J. W. E. Davies, air hero of whom that was stated a year ago when the King was unable to honour him, is among 104 R.A.F. officers reported presumed killed in action.

Three hours before he was to receive the D.F.C. Flight-Lieutenant Davies was ordered out on patrol over the Channel. He never came back and when the King arrived at the air station to decorate a group of officers he came to a vacant place.

RAZOR BLADES IN SOCKS

Four hundred razor blades were found in the socks of a man fined £5 at East Ham for unlawfully possessing 500 razor blades and fourteen bottles of perfume at a London dock.

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BLONDE IN BARE FEET

She is the first blonde to walk about without shoes, bare-footed, even in the streets, to save her coupons.

Now Miss Jean Howard, of Croxley Green, near Watford, a Civil Service clerk, is twenty and is a charming girl.

She was educated at St. Joan of Arc's Convent, Rickmansworth, and she dresses fashionably.

"Rationing has given me the excuse to put into practice something I have long wished to do," she told the "Daily Mirror."

"Previously I had not had the courage."

"Apart from saving coupons Eastern women, who walk about mostly bare-footed, do not have the foot troubles that people suffer in countries where shoes are worn."

Feet Are Hardened

"For some years I have walked about the house and the garden without shoes, but not in the street. My feet are hardened."

"I can walk on the grit in the roads without hurting my feet. I carry a pair of sandals to wear in the rush hours and in the trains, but in the streets and at the office I take my shoes off."

"I have gone about London for three days without shoes."

N.B. — MISS HOWARD'S YOUNG MAN DOES NOT THINK SO MUCH OF THE IDEA AND MAKES HER WEAR SHOES WHEN SHE IS OUT WITH HIM.

CAT'S RANK IN THE NAVY

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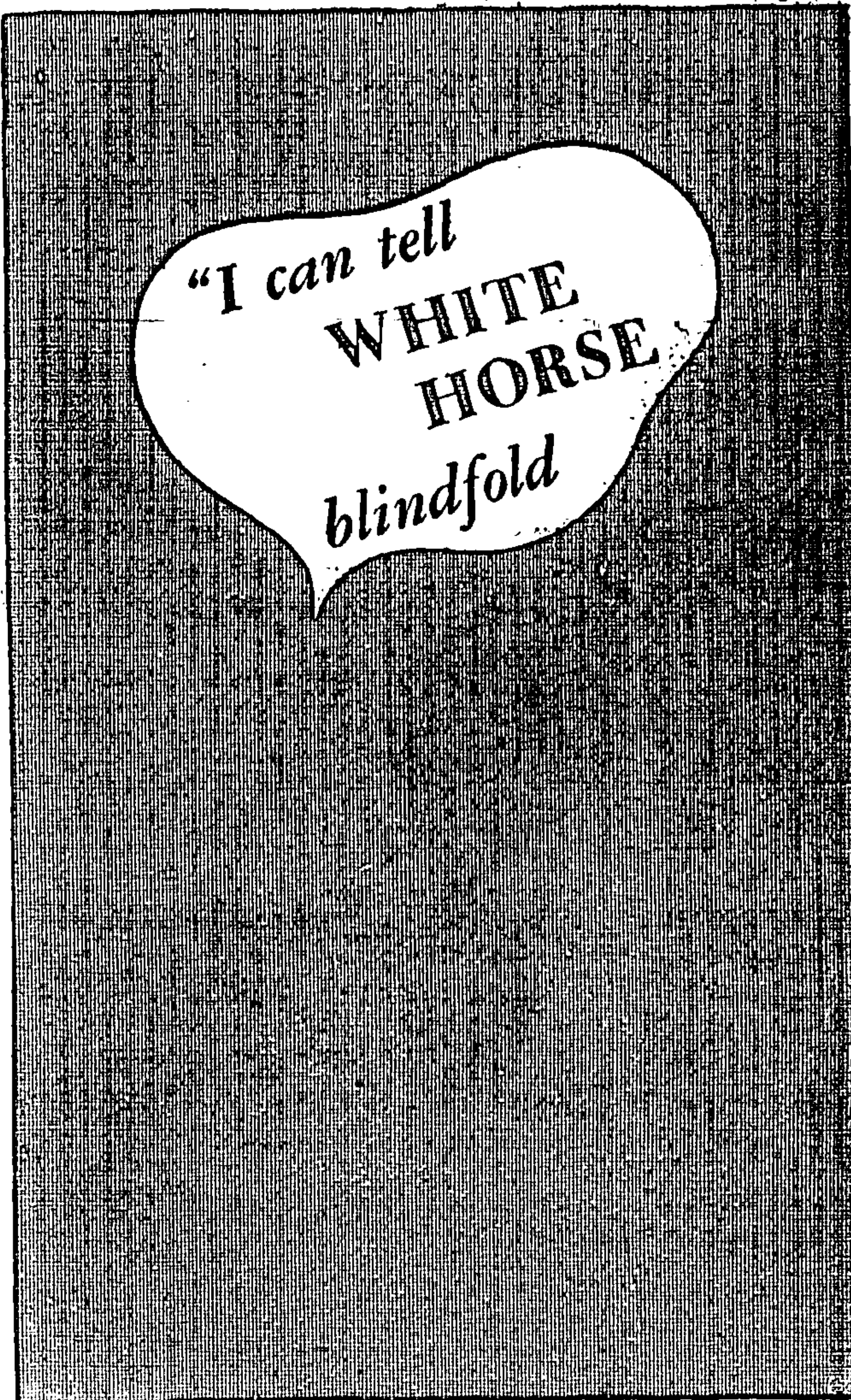
She was "promoted" by the wardroom for bravery in action and devotion to duty.

When an enemy plane is sighted, she does not run for safety. She remains on deck by the gunners, spitting and snarling her fury as their shells burst. When depth charges are being dropped, she never flinches at the explosions.

Binky was born in a ship's engine-room, and first put to sea when a few days old. The R.N.R. commander claims she is the finest kitten afloat.

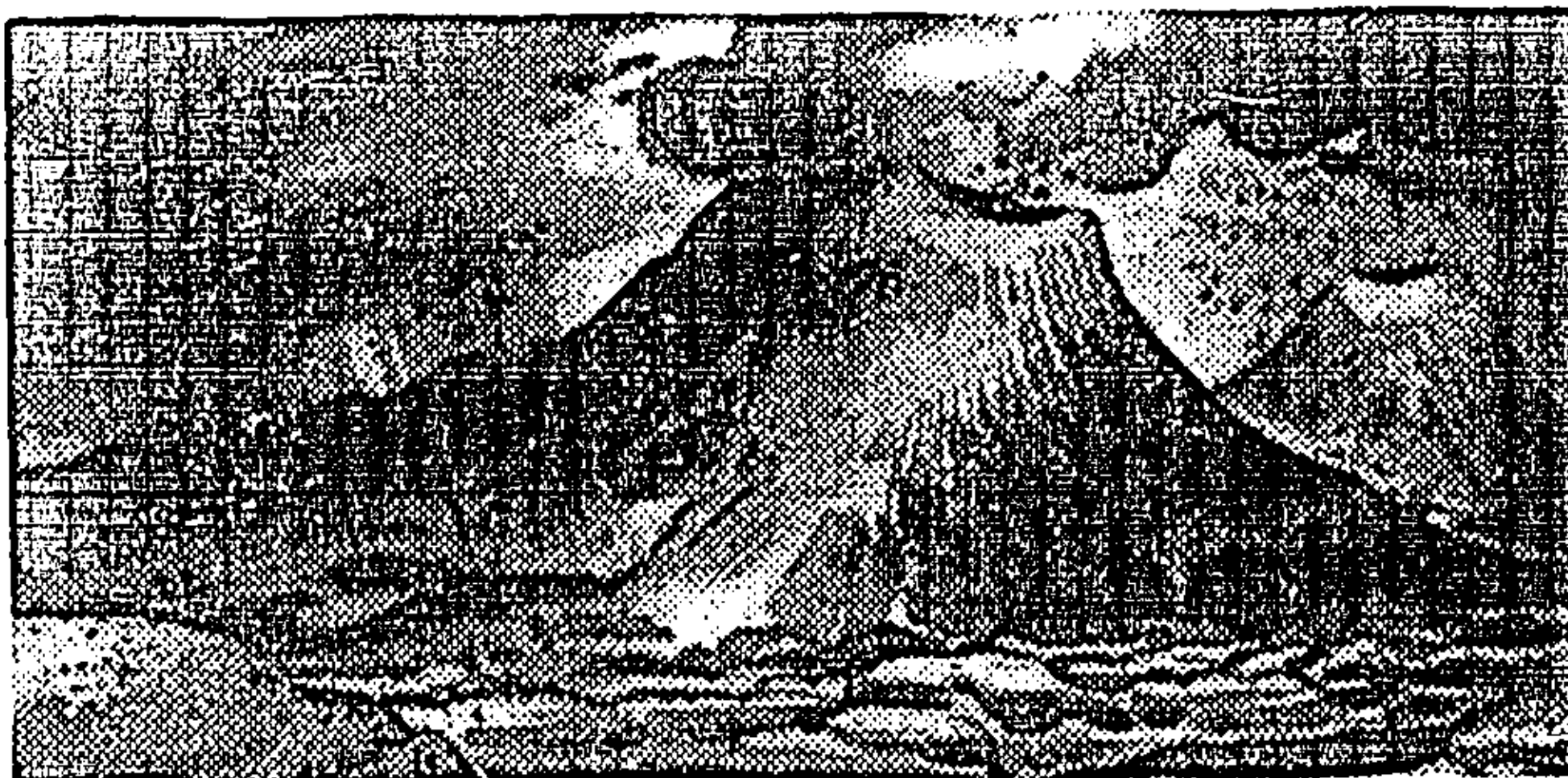
URGES ARMS FOR A.R.P. MEN

Commander O. Locker-Lampson (Con., Handsworth) is to ask the Home Secretary if all Civil Defence workers can join the Home Guard, and, if not, whether they can be armed for any emergency.



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PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on **MONDAY**, the 1st day of September, 1941, at 3 p.m. at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Kau Pu Shek, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	4316	Kau Pu Shek, Inland Lot No. 4316, Junction of Kowloon City Road and Kau Pu Shek Road, Kau Pu Shek	N. S. E. W.	As per sale plan	About 2,358	\$28
						\$1,769

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$177.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.



PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on **MONDAY**, the 1st day of September, 1941, at 3 p.m. at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	2874	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2874, Junction of Shur Ning Road and Fat Tsung Street, Cheung Sha Wan.	N. S. E. W.	As per sale plan	About 2,400	\$24
						\$1,440

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$144.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.



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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
3	4317	Tung M. Road, Tai Kok Tsui, South of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4316	N. S. E. W.	As per sale plan	About 10,000	\$184
						\$20,000

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$2,000.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

EVACUATION REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE

A Public Meeting will be held in the Rose Room, Peninsula Hotel, on **THURSDAY**, 28th August, at 6 p.m. Husbands, relatives of evacuees and all interested are invited to attend.

(sd) W. V. TAYLOR,

Acting Hon. Secretary

Evacuation Representation Committee.

Hong Kong, 26th August, 1941.

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By The Four Aces

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RELATIONS BETWEEN "BALKAN PARTNERS" BECOMING STRAINED

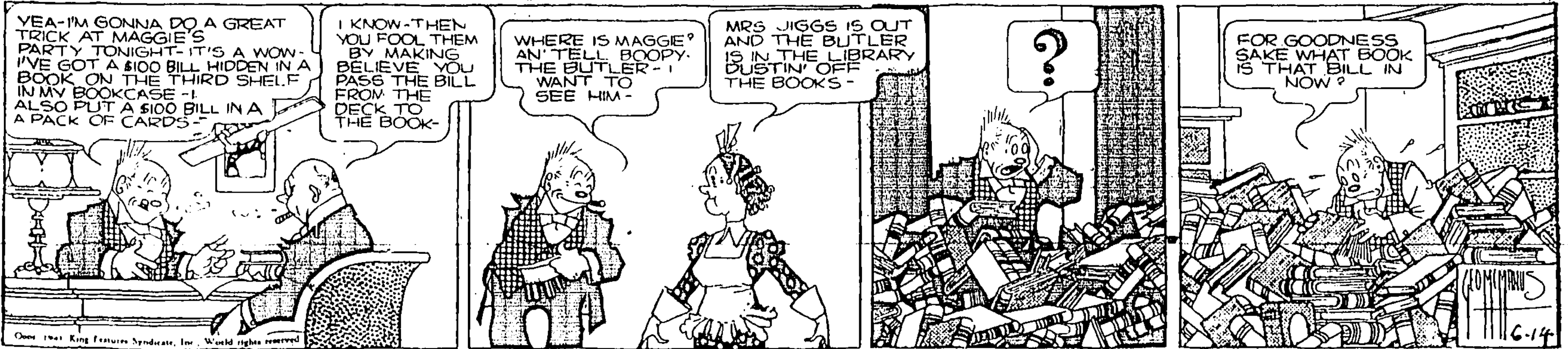
According to journalistic circles in London the relations between Germany and Italy became strained especially in connection with the conflict of interests of the "partners" in the Balkans.

The Germans are fanning Bulgarian rulers to hostility towards Italy. They have promised Bulgaria two Serbian provinces now occupied by Italian troops. However, the Italians are reluctant to relinquish them and during the Bulgarian Prime Minister Filoff's visit to Rome he was informed that the Italians refuse to return two Serbian provinces and reserve their claims to Salonika.

The AFI notes that discontent with Germany is growing in Italy ever among upper circles. Berlin is not living up to its promises regarding arms and raw material. On the contrary, the Germans have exported from Italy most of the fuel of which Italy is now experiencing heavy shortage. Clashes of interests in the Balkans have become more frequent and both "partners" are trying to prove

Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

TOMATO JUICE—
a great hot day
Refresher

Dorothy Greig

WHEN you drop in to see a certain friend of mine on a hot day, the first thing she does is hand you a tall frosty glass of tomato juice.

Mary gives everyone tomato juice—cold, lively and tangy right from cans kept chilling in her refrigerator. Her children coming in hot and thirsty get it. And her husband declares she never let him at the can in the evening with a glass of it for him in her hand.



"There's nothing to equal tomato juice as a real pecker-up," she says cheerfully. She's right, of course. Besides, tomato juice is one drink appropriate for any meal and for serving any time of day or night. Tomato juice is refreshing, too, any way you take it: fresh and cold as it pours from the can, or mixed as a cocktail. For instance, here are two delicious hot weather cocktails.

Tomato-Vegetable Cocktail

1 can (14 oz.) tomato juice
1 tablespoon watercress, finely chopped
1 teaspoon chives, finely chopped
1 tablespoon lime juice
1 teaspoon sugar
1 pinch of salt

Remove watercress leaves from stems and chop very fine. Combine tomato juice, chopped watercress, chopped chives, lime juice, sugar and salt. Mix thoroughly and chill. Makes 2 glassesful.

Tomato-Grapefruit Juice Cocktail

1 can (14 oz.) tomato juice
½ cup grapefruit juice (unsweetened)
1 teaspoon sugar
¼ teaspoon salt

Mix the tomato juice, grapefruit juice, sugar and salt. Chill and serve. Makes 2 glassesful.



The monthly sketchy girl-friend thinks when her beau says he's been riding the crest of the tide he means he's taken up sailing.

He Likes to Be Asked

One of the great mistakes that wives make in dealing with their husband is in not considering the pride of man in being a man.

If a wife will defer to her husband's pride in being the head of the house and man for it, she may do whatever she will. For he hasn't the slightest desire to be a grinding tyrant. All he wants is a little respect—before him.

Ninety-nine times out of a hundred, when a wife asks her husband's advice about whether she shall have the living room in pink or green, he tells her to do what she wants to do.

He doesn't care, but he wants to be consulted. He likes the little gesture of subservience, and

it is a small price to pay for a good husband.

Middle-aged women are often weeping about having lost their husbands' love.

This happens because the wife has trampled her husband's pride into the dust.

All of us know wives who haven't even the decency to save their husbands' faces by doing their tyrannising in private.

It is always "my" house, "my" car, even "my" children. And she orders the meals at restaurants, without reference to her husband's taste. She tells him where to sit, and generally treats him like a half-witted office boy.

We also know plenty of other wives who do not hesitate to criticize their husbands and ridicule all of their peculiarities.

They will tell perfect strangers that John had few advantages of education in his youth, or that he drinks too much, or that he just doesn't seem to have any faculty for getting along in the world.

Can you wonder that a man's pride is cut to the quick in knowing that his wife considers him a failure or that she is ashamed of him because he hasn't Mayfair table manners or a vocabulary like an Oxford professor?

Love Under The Axis

To please a man these days, a girl must have the beauty of Helen of Troy, the riches of the Queen of Sheba and the artfulness of Cleopatra. But in Rumania she must possess one more quality to get her man; she must be "chill-proof!"

In some parts of the country Miss Rumania is "watered" during the time of wooing, just like the flowers in her garden.

In early spring the groom arrives with a couple of stout friends and starts the ceremony.

The young woman does not put in an appearance before she has donned two dozen of her rainbow-colored petticoats, in the vain hope that this might keep off the water of the cold shower that awaits her.

When she comes forth eventually the stout friends of her

man-to-be bounce upon her without much ceremony and drag her to a corner of the garden, where a dozen buckets of cold water are ready in a row.

Before she can move, bucket number one has soaked her, and so it goes on until all her starched petticoats are nothing but sadly hanging rags.

But to show that her ardour and devotion have not been cooled, she rushes back to the house to prepare a lusty meal for the men-folk, for which she is allowed to change into dry clothes.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



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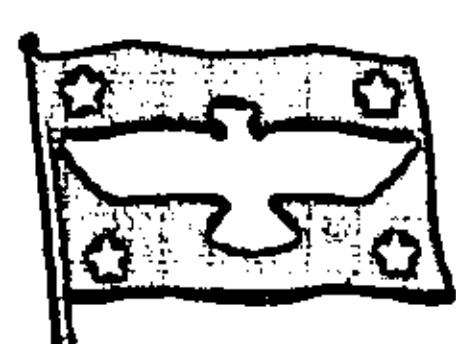
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercessions.

12.30 p.m.—Humorous and Instrumental Variety.

Humorous Sketch—Sandy, The Dentist (Thomson-Powell) ... Sandy Powell.

Organ—Dixon Hits No. 19—Intro: After All These Years; Roses in December; That Old Feeling; Silvery Moon & Golden Sands; Whistling Gipsy; Blossoms on Broadway ... Reginald Dixon.

Comedienne—Women in Love (Rutherford & Wilcock) ... Doris Palmer with Piano.

Guitar—Feeling My Way; Pickin' My Way (Lang & Kress) ... Eddie Lang with Carl Kress (Guitar).

Impressions—A Duck Entering Water; An Old Ford Car; Sir Malcolm Campbell's Blue Bird; Howling Dog; A Train Load of Cattle; Sounds in an Airport; An Express Train; A Baby; London Underground; A Chicken ... Freddy Dosh.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Magyar Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Band.

Cockchafer, Yellow Cockchafer; Bihari's Lament (Bihari); Pale Yellow Rose; I Love You Beautiful Lady (Jeno Sandor); O Sole Mio (Di Capua); La Paloma (Yradier).

1.18 p.m.—Songs by Tino Rossi (Tenor): Bella Ragazzina; Loin Des Guitares (Vincent Scotto); C'est A Capri; Tango Chante (Will Grosz); Le Chaland Du Passe Valse Chante (C. A. Bixio).

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—A Sibelius Programme.

Romance, Op. 24 No. 9 Eileen Joyce (Piano solo).

Symphonic Poem "Night-Ride & Sunrise", Op. 55 The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra.

Humoresque IV Henri Temianka (Violin) and The Temianka Chamber Orchestra.

King Christian Suite: Musette, Berceuse Royal Opera House Orchestra, Stockholm.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Essie Ackland (Contralto) and The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra.

"Masantiello" Overture (Auber) ... The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra.

Here In The Quiet Hills (Carnegie); Whatever Is, Is Best (Lohr) ... Essie Ackland with Orchestra.

Marche Slave, Op. 31 (Tchaikovsky) ... The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra.

Song Of Sleep (Somerset) ... Essie Ackland with Orchestra.

Menuetto and Trio (3rd Mov. from Symphony No. 1 in C Major, Op. 21—Beethoven) ... The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra.

7.20 p.m.—Rachmaninoff—Concerto No. 3 in D Minor, Op. 30.

1st Mov. Allegro; 2nd Mov. Intermezzo; Adagio; 3rd Mov. Allegro ... Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) & The Philadelphia Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—The London Piano-Accordeon Band and Les Allen (Vocal).

One Night In Monte Carlo (Silver, Sherman & Lewis); There'll Never Be Another You (Harry Woods) ... The London Piano-Accordeon Band.

Dear Little Boy Of Mine (Brennan & Ball) ... Les Allen with Sidney Torch (Organ).

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Let The Curtain Come Down (Newman) ... The London Piano-Accordeon Band.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Studio—"To-night We Present". A Review of New Records.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.

Flattergeister (Fickle Fancy); Delirien (Jos. Strauss, arr. Hohné) ... Orchestra Mascotte.

Blossom Dreams ... Orchestra Mascotte.

Hydropathen Waltz (Jos. Gungl) ... Vienna Boheme Orchestra.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.

Slow Fox-Trot—Chez-Mot; Quick-Step—Angry ... Oscar Rabin & his Strict Tempo Dance Band.

Fox-Trots—Song Of The Wanderer (Where Shall I Go?); South Rampart Street Parade ... Bob Crosby & his Orchestra.

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Fox-Trot—You Never Miss The Old Faces (Till You're Far Away From Home); Quick-Step—It's A Lovely Day To-morrow ... Jack Hylton & his Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—London—"War Correspondents".

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

HERO TO SEE THE KING FOR 2nd TIME

"OH, NORMAN, if only you could get another decoration so that we could go to see the King again," said Mrs. Nancy Jaeger, mother of stretcher party leader Norman Jaeger, of Lambeth, London, S.E., as they left Buckingham Palace last February. Norman had just received the British Empire Medal.

Norman smiled. "Not much chance of that," he said. He was wrong. For soon King George will pin on a bar to the medal on Norman's chest. And mother will be there. Norman Jaeger is the first man to win a bar to the B.E.M.

As with the original award, he won it for heroism in rescuing trapped air-raid victims.

For nine hours he toiled with other A.R.P. workers to free men and women in the basement of a bombed lodging-house crawling through a tunnel made in the debris.

"It was a tricky job—but I didn't do more than the other chaps," said Norman Jaeger to the "Daily Mirror."

"We expected the place to collapse at any moment. But you don't think of things like that at the time. It's only afterwards you think what a damn fool you've been!"

"It Can't Be Real"

Norman's mother said: "I'm not brave myself. I hate the noise of the guns."

"It's wonderful to think I may see the King again," she said. "Going to the Palace is like walking into a painting—you think it can't be real."

Norman's companions in the rescue were Dr. Harold Glyn-Jones, of the American Mobile Unit, who receives the M.B.E., and Mr. Wilfred John Clarke, Lambeth stretcher-bearer sergeant, who gets the British Empire Medal.

Grade Four—Wins G.M.

Army doctors classed him Grade IV in health, unfit for war service. But he turned out Grade One in courage, and he has learned that he had won the George Medal for heroism in an air raid.

He is Thomas Denholm, 29, a docker, who lives with his wife and three children in Carnoustie Street, Glasgow.

His daring rescue of three women and a man from the upper floors of a blitzed building was made during a heavy air raid on Clydeside.

Denholm chuckled when he got the official announcement of his award. "The Army turned me down as unfit," he said. "Now they will be wanting to send me my papers all over again."

HOW THEY "USE THE TOOLS"

Civilian workers at an R.A.F. maintenance unit miles from the nearest town had a "red letter" day recently when two D.F.C. fighter pilots visited them and talked of their combats with the Hun.

One of the pilots told the workers that his Spitfire was damaged when on the ground and needed a new wing and undercarriage and other parts. The maintenance units carried out the work quickly enough to enable him a few hours later to go over Holland and "do a little job". What he did not tell his hearers was that that "little job" gained him the D.F.C. he was wearing. It resulted in the destruction of two Hun bombers.

The other visitor, whose D.F.C. has a bar to it, was a night-fighting pilot who had been destroying Huns at the rate of two a night. He has ten "certainties" to his name. He told how his machine was badly shot up but he managed to land it and, "in the twinkling of an eye" almost, the new parts were there and fitted and he was in the air again.

R.A.F.'S GREATEST FISHERMAN

As far back as the oldest stomach in a desert squadron of the R.A.F. could remember, it had had nothing in the way of food that had not come out of a tin. But, close at hand, the blue Mediterranean lapped the sands of the North African coast. With a sudden flash of insight, one or two of the more astute minds grasped the fact that this blue water, Mussolini's very own Mare Nostrum, could solve the problem of gastronomic monotony.

Fish! Lashing of fish, on the doorstep so to speak. Grilled soles for breakfast. Lobsters for lunch. Herring, cod, turbot, prawns—maybe even a caviar-stuffed sturgeon and an occasional turtle for the soup. All they had to do was to get a few lines and pull the fish out of the sea.

They got the lines, made hooks, opened tins for bait and fished assiduously, with watering teeth, for hours on end. The fish sniffed at the bait, sneered and swam off.

It was therefore somewhat tough on the fish that an R.A.F. V.R. Officer, a one-time Kenya gold miner, was working nearby, blasting trenches out of the rock with H.E. "Fish?" he said, "I'll get you some fish."

Next day he was seen walking down to the beach with a number of beer bottles in his hand and a posse of stout swimmers at his heels. The bottles contained H.E. and fuses. Shortly afterwards there was a dull rumble, the sea heaved slightly, the swimmers plunged in and returned with shoals of stunned fish in their arms.

There was fresh fish for everybody that night. The toast in the Mess was:

"To the greatest fisherman the R.A.F. has ever known."

PHONE GIRLS HAVE DAY BLACK-OUT

Many of the 500 telephone girls at the Birmingham Exchange—the biggest in the country—complain they are losing their complexions because their room is blacked-out day and night.

In one day over ten girls reported "sick."

"We never see the sun," one girl told the "Daily Mirror". "We do an eight-hour shift and sometimes longer. The blinds always remain drawn."

"We have to sit under blazing arc lamps all day. Last week one blind was pulled up for a short while and it was so strange to see light coming in that it temporarily 'blinded' me."

"It would be easy for someone to go round in the morning and pull up all the blinds, but apparently the heads here think they must be too busy to do this."

GRID COACHES INVENTED BLITZ

AMERICA'S FOOTBALL COACHES, SAYS ONE OF THEM, WOULD KNOW HOW TO STOP A BLITZKRIEG—BECAUSE THEY INVENTED IT!

"Those fellows in Europe are just doing what we've been doing for years," declared Tulane's coach Red Dawson, sitting before an electric fan in his office.

He diagrammed tactics used in the Russo-German war, and compared them with plays he was outlining for his own autumn campaign.

War Of Position

"Football used to be a 'war of position,'" he said, "but changed to a 'war of movement' before you ever heard of a blitzkrieg. Teams used to lock horns and push until one of them would get a small lead, then would dig in to protect itself until the game wore out."

"Now it's all attack—get the ball, keep it, keep scoring."

"Instead of just pushing ahead you concentrate for a quick break-through, and follow that up. You use tricks and cross-blocks to flow around points of strong resistance. Your downfield blockers operate just as the advancing units of panzer divisions."

Passes To Surprise

"Passes were used before the Luftwaffe to surprise an enemy and soften up his ground resistance. Armies, which used to mass forces for weeks at one point and then push ahead through sheer might, now strike suddenly anywhere like a deceptive football team."

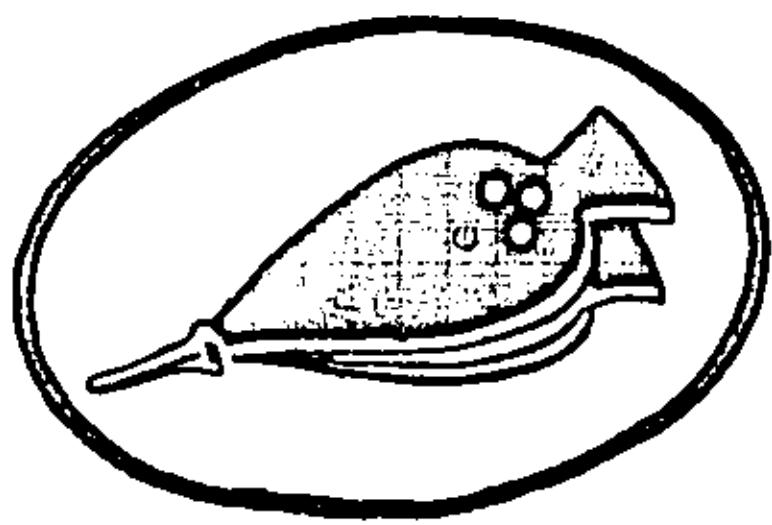
Dawson compared the new "defence in depth" military theories to the five-man football line, with most of the strength in the secondary but ready to "come in and hit anywhere."

"The Russians have destroyed a lot of tanks by letting them get through and then hitting them from the side or rear," he continued. "That's just a football mousetrap."

Football Schedule

"Even their plans of campaign look like some teams' football schedules. The Germans took on

The alterations to the clubhouse at Craigengower Cricket Club having been completed, members are now finding the "lay-out" of the building much more convenient. The billiard room has been brought down from the first floor to where the bar used to be, while this very important part of any club is in the former ladies' room position. Even the telephone has been moved, this now being on the verandah.



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HIGH WIND PRODUCES HIGH SCORING

Play became much more difficult in the American Amateur Golf Championship yesterday owing to a high wind and, though Stewart Alexander increased his first-round score by 10 strokes for an aggregate of 144, he led the field of 64 match play qualifiers by a stroke from John Burke.

Johnny Goodman, title-holder, tied for 10th place with 152, but the scoring does not really matter as the championship will now be continued by match play.

Marvin Ward and Johnny Goodman, each 148, followed Burke, Ellsworth Vines, famous tennis player, continued to show he is a golfer commanding respect by finishing high with an aggregate of 150. Charles Yates, now an army private, who won the British Championship a few years ago, finished with 154 and easily qualified.—Reuter.

Ben Sheridan, the half-back who out-charged, outmanoeuvred and outflanked Notre Dame opponents from 1937 through 1939, is a private of the cavalry at Fort Riley, Kansas.

Mel Hein, pro football's veteran centre, has signed for his 11th season with the New York Giants. Hein, who has been all-league centre for eight years will have a couple of battles this coming autumn. The Giants having signed both Chet Gladstuck, Boston College's 246-pound All-America Pivot of last year, and Lou de Filippo, Fordham's great captain and centre.

"Y" BEAT M'SEX. "A"

Results of matches in the European Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water Polo Tournament at the "Y" Pool last night were:

Y.M.C.A.	4	Middlesex "A"	2
A.F. May (2), R. Goldman and N.D. Booker		Bunden (2)	
Signals	4	Middlesex "B"	0
Allen (2) and Dignan (2)			
Navy "B"	4	965th Batt., R.A.	0
Rutter (2), Thompson and Barnett			

TO-NIGHT'S GAMES

Following is to-night's water-polo programme in the European Y.M.C.A. Invitation Tournament:

Royal Navy "B" v. Combined S. Units	(5 p.m.)
Royal Navy "C" v. 36th R.A.	(5.30 p.m.)
At Army Pool	
8th R.A. v. European Y.M.C.A.	(6.30 p.m.)
Royal Scots "A" v. Royal Scots "B"	(7 p.m.)
5th A.A. v. 965th R.A.	(7.30 p.m.)

FOOTBALL HELMETS IN ARMY

Those Martian looking football headgears which Northwestern University's football team introduced last autumn have been adopted by the United States Army for the use of parachute troops in training at Fort Benning, Ga. John T. Riddell, former football coach at Evanston High School, who invented the helmets, has already supplied the troops with many of the new headgears.

The helmets are made of a tough plastic called tenite. While stronger than the former leather headgears, they are much lighter. By employing a system of headbands which suspend the helmet around the wearer's head, they provide greater safety and greater ventilation. It was this latter factor which proved popular with the Wildcat players.

The helmets came to the attention of the Army when they were placed on display in a Georgia sporting goods house. An Army parachute troop officer was attracted by the durability of the headpiece and the device which kept the helmet "off the head" of the wearer. By making a few alterations, such as shortening the ear guards and attaching leather "curtains" at the front and rear, the parachute helmet was born.

Riddell, who turned out a string of championship eleven at Evanston High School in the early 20's, has been responsible for numerous innovations in football equipment. Early in his coaching career he began experimenting with removable, or interchangeable, football cleats. At that time wood cleats were nailed onto the shoes. The nails sometimes caused difficulty and the shoes were rarely good for more than one season.

One year Riddell bought football shoes without cleats and equipped them with hard rubber cleats which could be screwed on and off the soles. He brought the shoes to the attention of the Northwestern coaching staff, which adopted them, and now they are universally used. The idea proved so profitable that in 1927 Riddell gave up coaching to manufacture football shoes.

P. PIKE HAD AN IDEA

This official announcement arrived at the "Daily Mirror" and I went in search of Master Pike to tell him his 3s. had been put towards building another Spitfire for Britain, writes a "Daily Mirror" reporter.

I found him down by the pond, near his home in Westmoreland-avenue—catching more newts.

"The newt season will soon be over," he said, tugging his school cap. "Folks are getting tired of newts. But I've thought of another way for collecting for Spitfires. I'm going to start a library and let my books out for a penny or a halfpenny a time."

Master Pike's other name is Philip. He is 10.

Dad Wrote The Ad.

"I sold my newts for a penny each," he said—"those were the big ones. Small ones I let go for a ha'penny. I got the idea when I heard we were hard-up for Spitfires, and dad helped me write a notice to put up in the garden advertising the newts."

After being bombed recently Philip's father had to have a leg amputated. "But dad's tough," Philip assured me. "He can take it and I'll find him a job till he gets better, helping in my new library."

THAT NEW ME.

Since the Spitfires and Hurricanes of the R.A.F. began shooting down specimens of the new mark of Messerschmitt single-seat fighter, the Me. 109F, there has been a good deal of speculation about the purpose for which it is designed, and the real capabilities of the type.

The full extent of the changes discovered in those brought down remains the secret of the R.A.F. It is sometimes an advantage not to inform the enemy just how much is known about his new weapon. But certain details may be revealed.

Four of the obvious differences between this new Me. and its predecessors are the more powerful engine, changed armament, redesigned wings with rounded wing tips, and new tail plane now devoid of bracing struts. There are other changes too, such as making the tail wheel retractable and giving a general cleaning up to the silhouette, which clearly aim at greater speed. It is obvious that these various improvements, both in the engine and the airframe, will result in a higher ceiling and better performance at height.

In considering the purpose of these developments it is useful to set them against the background of modern aircraft manufacturing tendencies. This war differs from previous wars in being so much more a battle of rival industrial capacities. The full utilisation of machine tools, skilled and unskilled labour, and of intensive production methods aimed at rapid and overwhelming output have a new, perhaps decisive significance. Above all the tempo of production must not fall. To turn over plants to the production of a completely new type of aircraft is a serious matter, and must inevitably result in a temporary drop in output. Furthermore it takes time—longer to-day under mass production methods, than in the individual production days of the last war. To fill in the gap whilst basically new types of aircraft, dictated by the general advances in aeronautical knowledge, are being laid down there is a tendency to effect less drastic alterations to existing types so as to keep them abreast of new requirements.

Britain's own single-seat fighters, the Hawker Hurricane and the Vickers Spitfire have undergone several modifications since the war began. The results have been a great improvement to their performance, in speed, height and in other ways. Re-engineing the Me. 109 and giving it new wings and a better streamline, may be regarded as Germany's contribution to the contest of improving existing types.

An interesting feature of the new Me. is the way the armament is now distributed. The wing guns have been dropped, and all it has is one cannon of 15 mm. firing through the airscrew hub, and two small bore machine-guns mounted on the fuselage. This central grouping of the armament weight may result in better power of manoeuvre, never a strong point in the Me. 109.

So far the Me. 109F has not been met with in force. When it is, perhaps accompanied by new or improved bombers, new problems will be set to Britain's air defenders. But as in the past the R.A.F. will be ready.

WIFE DEFIES HITLER

Frau Thomsen, wife of Dr. Hans Thomsen, German Minister in Washington, has told him she will never return to Hitler's Germany even if he is recalled.

This split between Hitler's chief representative in the United States and his wife caused a sensation in diplomatic circles.

Friends of Frau Thomsen, famed for her outspokenness, said her decision is the result of six years of strain to which she has been subjected as a prominent figure in a diplomatic organisation teeming with intrigue and ambitious wives.

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Registrations have still to be received from 965th R.A., 30th R.A., 5th R.A. and 12th R.A.

REFEREES' CLASS

The fourth of the series of lectures on Soccer Laws—Law No. 11, Offside—will be delivered by Staff Sergeant W. H. Foster, Army Representative of Hong Kong Football Referees' Association, this evening at 7 p.m., at Scandal Point Hall.

CORRESPONDENCE

Sir—To settle an argument, will you please tell me when the first interport cricket match between Hong Kong and Shanghai was played and the result of the game?

INTERESTED.
The first Hong Kong v. Shanghai match was played in Hong Kong, on February 7, 1866, when the Colony won by an innings and 264 runs. Hong Kong batted first and scored 430 (R. D. Starkey 99, T. Clifford 71, "Extras" 50). Shanghai were all out for 107 in the first innings and in the follow-on scored only 59 runs (D. Welsh 38). No bowling analysis were recorded.—Sports Ed.

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HOGAN IS CHALLENGING SNEAD'S PURSE RECORD

THREE YEARS AGO SAM SNEAD, WEST VIRGINIA SLUGGER, SET A MONEY-WINNING RECORD AMONG PROFESSIONAL GOLFERS THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO STAND FOR A GOOD LONG WHILE.

NOMADS HOCKEY RUMOURS

There is a possibility that Nomads Hockey team will be losing some of their players this season, according to rumours in hockey circles, although Stephen Reed, captain of the team, says that he knows "nothing about any such thing as yet."

It is understood that three of the players will be throwing in their lot with Club de Recreio this Winter, but Reed added that even if that should be the case the team will not be affected in that they have some 18 players to draw upon for their team.

Nomads will be holding their annual meeting shortly and indications are that Reed will be re-elected captain of the team. They intend to play more hockey this season, taking advantage of the extra half-hour of daylight, than they did last season.

But that was before little Ben Hogan, whose method of par-busting is almost the opposite of Snead's, hit his hot streak. Snead moved everything down in sight that season and collected \$19,534.49 in tournament prize money. Now the 140-pound Texan, who plays out of Hershey, Pa., is after that record and stands a better than fair chance to set a new one.

Top Prize

Hogan hit the top prize in the Chicago Open, his 10-under-par 274 earning him \$12,200. This neat bundle of cash boosted his 1941 tourney cheques to \$11,517 and kept intact his record of having finished in the money in his last 51 meets.

Ben began his streak last year when he led the pros in money earned with \$10,655 and won the Vardon Trophy. This bumble will be his again unless he slumps. He has 383 points in the Vardon race, a good lead over Craig Wood's 300 in second place.

Byron Nelson, who did not compete in the Chicago Open, is third with 270, followed by Snead, 249, Vic Ghezzi, 170, Clayton Heafner 158, and Lloyd Mangrum 149. Wood also is runner-up in money earned, the national Open champion having collected \$7,616. Snead has earned \$6,541; Nelson \$6,475; Johnny Bulla \$6,346, and Heafner \$5,155.

Proved Mettle

Hogan proved his mettle under fire at Chicago by outlasting Wood in a terrific stretch battle. The Open champion trailed by four strokes as they began the final nine. Wood picked up three shots in three holes with two birdies and a par while Hogan had two pars and a bogey. Then Ben finished with two birdies and four pars to protect his edge while Wood carded five pars and a birdie.

Wood's two last rounds of 67-67 left him with a total of 276, three strokes under defending champion Dick Metz of Chicago. Jim Frazier, pro at the host Elmhurst Country Club was fourth with an even par 284 and Lloyd Mangrum finished fifth with 285. One stroke behind him was the low amateur, Mario Gonzalez, of Rio de Janeiro, who was tied with Heafner, the Linville, N.C. slugger.

FOREIGN Y.M.C.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Y.M.C.A. Swimming Championships will be continued to-night at 8 p.m. when the following will be the programme:

Men's 50 Yards Free-Style Final:—R. Goldman, D. Hutchinson, E. A. Roberts and G. Saunders.
100 Yards Breast-Stroke Final:—W. S. Gegg, W. B. Ure and D. Hutchinson.
50 Yards Back-Stroke Final:—B. S. Wilson, W. S. Gegg, F. Willis and E. A. Roberts.
Men's 440 Yards Free-Style Final:—A. F. May, L. A. Benn, D. Hutchinson.

Courses for leaders of Physical Training and for games masters at schools are held at the Loughborough College, Leicestershire. Our photograph here shows a pole-vaulting class at work during a course at the college. (Copyright, right, Fox Photos.)



SHANGHAI FOOTBALL SEASON DESCRIBED AS "UNFORTUNATE"

"PERHAPS THE WORD 'UNFORTUNATE' IS BEST USED IN DESCRIBING THE 'SOCCER' SEASON OF 1940-1941," STATES THE ANNUAL REPORT OF SHANGHAI FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION, THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF WHICH IS ON SEPTEMBER 11.

"Unfortunately it was marred by a number of very unpleasant incidents during Association matches, culminating in a very serious riot at the Canidrome on March 15. Throughout the season many spectators showed themselves entirely lacking in an understanding of the Laws of the Game and, sometimes incited by the players, were inclined to express dissatisfaction very forcibly with whatever they considered "unfair" to their particular side.

Every possible action was taken by the Association to counteract this hostile feeling, but, in spite of this, spectators finally became so unruly that a serious riot was precipitated at the Canidrome during a First Division match between Police and Tung Hwa teams.

"As a result of this riot, during which a number of persons were injured, damage was done to Canidrome property to the extent of \$9,605.60. This sum did not include the financial loss sustained by Le Champ de Courses Francais due to the cancellation of a scheduled dog race meeting for the same evening.

"Owing to repeated unruly actions on the part of spectators at Kiao Chow Park the Executive Committee closed this ground to Association Football on February 6.

"Weather conditions were the best experienced for some time, there being only six occasions when fixtures had to be postponed, involving only 18 matches.

"Again, as in the past four seasons, the Council granted the Executive Committee full discretionary powers in the handling of all Association matters, it being felt that local conditions had not as yet reached that stage when the existing Rules and Laws of the Association could again operate.

An invitation was received from Hong Kong Football Association to send a team to that Port during the Spring Holidays (Chinese New Year), to participate in the usual Interport series. Unfortunately, owing to the impossibility of guaranteeing return passages, it was regrettably decided not to accept the invitation and Hong Kong was informed accordingly.

31 Warnings

On the disciplinary side nine clubs were cautioned regarding team-sheets, 14 owing to late arrivals and eight in connection with not supplying linesmen.

In Hong Kong little or no action has been taken in the past against delinquent Clubs, but the new rules passed at the last annual meeting demands that action be taken in future.

The Emergency Committee in Shanghai had a busy season, 59 players receiving cautions for ungentlemanly conduct or for dangerous or rough play, while 44 players were suspended for varying periods during the season.

In Hong Kong only 11 cases of misconduct on the field were dealt with by the Emergency Committee.

At a General meeting of the S.F.A. Council it was decided that the sum of \$15,000, estimated expenses which would have been incurred had the Association sent a team to Hong Kong for the Interport, was distributed to Foreign and Chinese Charities.

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Kowloon Golf Club will be held this evening at the Clubhouse, Kowloon City, at 6 p.m.

ONE CHANGE IN H.K.C.C. BOWLS TEAM

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB ARE MAKING ONLY ONE CHANGE IN THEIR SECOND DIVISION LAWN BOWLS TEAM FOR THIS WEEK-END. ABRAHAM, WHO SKIPPED A THIRD DIVISION RINK LAST WEEK, COMES IN AS NO. 3 TO GOODWIN IN PLACE OF HAMILTON.

The vacancy thus caused in the Third Division will be filled by Nissim, who will have the same rink as Abraham did last week—with one exception, Ryan, lead to Monaghan last week, will be No. 2 instead of Shigley. Ryan's place in Monaghan's rink will be taken by Lacon.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club are making two changes in their First Division "A" team. In Duncan's rink Meyer, from the "B", comes in as No. 2, and Levett, No. 2 last week, takes the place of McKelvie, who will skip the "B" rink led by Gill last week, Gill going up to No. 3 in place of Meyer.

There is just one change in the Third Division team, with Bicknell replacing Nash as lead to Jordan.

Hong Kong Football Club are making no changes at all in their two teams.

Selected Teams

Following are the selected teams:

HONG KONG C.C.
Second Division (v K.C.C., away):—S. L. Lloyd, J. G. Haigh, H. G. Wallington and G. E. Costello (skip); G. G. Atkinson, T. R. Rowell, E. S. Abraham and F. Goodwin (skip); R. B. Davies, P. S. Cassidy, R. A. Edwards and A. W. Brown (skip).
Third Division (v I.R.C., home):—H. H. Beddow, L. E. N. Ryan, A. S. Mitchell and A. Nissim (skip); B. J. Lacon, W. R. Lambert, E. S. Doughty and T. C. Monaghan (skip); R. Young, E. W. Pudney, H. F. Shields and A. McKellar (skip).

HONG KONG F.C.
Second Division (v Tai Koo, away, at 4 p.m.):—A. B. Coleman, J. D. Thomson, J. A. R. Selby and W. Gill (skip); A. Watson, J. Gelling, C. Needham and W. Macfarlane (skip); R. P. Shaw, C. B. Robertson, A. Brooksbank and K. S. Robertson (skip).
Third Division (v Kowloon B.G.C., home, at 4 p.m.):—T. H. Pearce, C. G. Sillis, B. J. Bickford and B. A. Mansell (skip); A. Gratton, C. Carr, K. Forrow and G. S. Graver (skip); A. Bailey, J. Russell, S. Strange and J. Ruston (skip).

KOWLOON B.G.C.
First Division "A" (v Recreio "B", home, at 4 p.m.):—L. Guy, G. W. Deacon, A. Hyde-Lay and A. M. Holland (skip); W. McNeill, H. White, A. Bower and A. J. Hall (skip); W. L. Walker, J. G. Meyer, E. Levett and R. Duncan (skip).
First Division "B" (v P.R.C., home, at 4 p.m.):—A. J. Rogers, V. C. Dixon, P. A. Peckham and L. Sykes (skip); R. P. Phillips, E. A. Atkins, J. C. Gill and J. McKelvie (skip); P. Holloway, G. W. Elphick, I. Newton and H. Lockhart (skip).

Third Division (v H.K.F.C., away, at 4 p.m.):—J. A. Fraser, Sir A. MacGregor, E. V. Searle and H. Nish (skip); W. M. Wilson, J. S. Dinnen, G. Thompson and C. Wallis (skip); H. Bicknell, S. C. Walker, C. E. Langley and L. A. Jordan (skip).

TSUI HANG EQUALS H.K. RECORD

Eastern beat Ching Wing Swimming Union by 15 points to 12 in an inter-club swimming contest at Chinese Y.M.C.A., last night, Tsui Hang, of Eastern, being again prominent when he equalled the Colony record of 24 4/5 seconds in the 50 Yards free-style event.



TSUI HANG

The record is at present held jointly by D. H. Taylor (1939) and Ng Nim (1940).

Following were the results:
Men's 120 Yards Medley Relay:—1. Eastern (Wong Sau-shan, Kwok Chun-hang and Tan Hang); 2. Ching Wing (Yung Yiu-kwan, Chan King-ping and Law Yuk-wing). Time 1 min. 8-2/5 sec.

Ladies' 50 Yards free-style:—1. Miss Ng Po-hing (Eastern); 2. Miss Shum Put (Eastern); 3. Miss Chan Chai-hu (Ching Wing). Time 35-4/5 sec.

Men's 220 Yards breast-stroke:—1. Fung Wai-cheong (Ching Wing); 2. Wong Lok-in (Eastern); 3. Wong Kaim-mun (Eastern). Time 3 mins. 3-3/5 sec.

Members' 100 Yards free-style:—1. Tam Sik-man; 2. Wong Ka-po; 3. Mak Wai-hing. Time 71-1/5 sec.

Men's 50 Yards free-style:—1. Tsui Hang (Eastern); 2. Law Yuk-wing (Ching Wing); 3. Chan King-ping (Ching Wing). Time 24-4/5 sec.

Ladies' 100 Yards breast-stroke:—1. Miss Ng Shui-lin (Eastern); 2. Miss Shum Wai-yung (Eastern); 3. Miss Chan Mei-chong (Ching Wing). Time 1 min. 35-4/5 sec.

Men's 100 Yards back-stroke:—1. Yung Yiu-kwan (Ching Wing); 2. Wong Sau-shan (Eastern); 3. Kwok Chun-hang (Eastern). Time 1 min. 17 sec.

Members' 50 Yards back-stroke:—Mak Wai-hing. Time 40 sec.

Men's 220 Yards free-style:—1. Tai Yuk-mong (Eastern); 2. Yue Sik-kwan (Ching Wing); 3. Fung Wai-cheong (Ching Wing). Time 2 mins. 52 sec.

Members' 220 Yards breast-stroke:—1. So Kwok-wing; 2. Tsang Wing-kee.

Members' 50 Yards free-style:—1. Tam Sik-man; 2. Wong Ka-po; 3. Chan Cheun-ying. Time 30 sec.

V.R.C. HEATS

Following heats for the V.R.C. swimming Gala next Wednesday were decided yesterday:

Boys' 100 Yards free-style:—Heat No. 1: 1. H. Ribeiro; 2. J. Erickson. Heat No. 2: 1. J. Gomes; 2. J. Anderson; 3. J. Roza-Pereira.

Members' 50 Yards free-style:—Heat No. 1: 1. L. Vieira; 2. F. Vieira; 3. R. Sequeira. Heat No. 2: 1. N. Broadbridge; 2. F. M. Britto; 3. F. A. Noronha.

Ladies' 50 Yards free-style "B" Class:—Heat No. 1: 1. Miss M. Noronha; 2. Miss Y. Yolle. Heat No. 2: 1. Miss T. Yvanovich; 2. Miss C. Yolle; 3. Miss V. Rull.

Boys' 100 Yards breast-stroke:—1. W. Ribeiro; 2. J. Roza-Pereira; 3. J. Gomes.

Further heats will be held this afternoon at 6 p.m.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Only one tennis match, in Fourth Division of Lawn Tennis League, is scheduled for to-day, when Central British Association meet the Army Tennis Club at King's Park.

C.B.A.:—D. Smith and D. Tomaszewsky; T. Gaubert and N. Smith; B. I. Blokford and N. Whitley.

A.T.C.:—S/Sgt. Ford and L/Cpl. Stoner; L/Cpl. Glasgow and Spr. Elsieley; S/Sgt. Mitchell and Sgt. Musson.

LEEMANS SIGNS TO PLAY AGAIN WITH NEW YORK

Tuffy Leemans, who came up from George Washington University to become one of the most consistent groundgaining backs in professional football, has signed his 1941 contract with New York Giants in the National League.

Leemans, who has rolled up 2,626 yards for the Giants in five seasons, won All-League honours in 1936 and 1939.

LEAGUE CRICKET UNCERTAINTY

By "Ilicog"

It is about this time every year that we hear quite a good deal of discussion regarding prospects for the "approaching cricket season," but, due to Volunteer duties and one thing and another, interest seems to have lagged considerably this year.

Maybe it is because people are too occupied with other things to worry about cricket, but it does seem strange to have all the activity on the part of Football Association in regard to preparations for the 1941-42 season, while cricket—and hockey, for that matter—has been left to look after its own interests.

As a direct contrast to the policy of *laissez faire* adopted by the other clubs, however, University have been ultra-active, and they have already played two or three friendly games in preparation for what they hope will be a bumper year at Pokfulam. But one team does not make a season.

Last year we had considerable discussion regarding the desirability of suspending all League cricket matches for the duration, but, after the matter had been thrashed out, it was decided to carry on as usual and the League proved as successful as before.

Again this year there is still a number of cricketers—most of them, be it said, in the "has been stage"—who

keep on advocating suspension of the League, and unless some of our younger blood get down to it there is just the chance that there will be no League matches at all.

Enquiries as to when the Cricket League will hold its annual meeting

Petrol Rationing Makes

Race Tracks Slower

Unless the unexpected happens, few track records will be broken in Melbourne this Spring. Not only is the grass longer at Flemington nowadays, but the club ceased to brush and roll the track between races when the need to conserve petrol was first mentioned.

have elicited the information that it will come off "some time in September," though no definite date has yet been fixed. The majority of our cricketers, no doubt, are all for carrying on the League but if this is so why don't they do something about it?

"Volunteer duties" these days is used as an excuse for almost everything. Not so long ago I asked one of the Colony's most prominent players if he had had any ideas regarding prospects for the coming season, and the prompt reply was, "I've been so taken up with my Volunteer work that I've not had time to think about it at all." And that from a man who has led a club that has won the League more times than I can remember.

Anyway, the meeting must come off some time or another, and when it does I have it on good authority that should the question come up again as to the desirability of carrying on, the majority will "signify in the usual manner."

And in this connection here is a suggestion that might well merit some consideration by officials of the League. Too often in the past we have had games held up, a few minutes perhaps, by constant changing of umpires, necessitated by the fact that players have had to officiate in turn. Cannot some hard and fast rule be laid down that each team provide an umpire in addition to the 11 players and scorers?

Football Association appoint official referees for every game, and in official hockey matches there is never any lack of umpires, but with cricket it is rather the exception than the rule to see two umpires provided for any game. It is time this fault was remedied.

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CRISIS IN FRANCE

Anti-German Spirit Grows Rapidly Acute

RUSSIANS COUNTER-ATTACK ON DNEPER

According to a Budapest message to the Vichy news agency last night the Russian troops have launched counter-attacks "with all their available forces" on the lower Dnieper River battlefield.

The Hungarians claim that so far all have been repulsed.—Reuter.

OIL TANKER POOL

THE OPERATION OF ALL AMERICAN TANKERS HAS BEEN BROUGHT UNDER GOVERNMENT DIRECTION THROUGH THE CREATION OF A TANKER CONTROL BOARD. IT WAS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY.

The Board will co-ordinate their allocation and utilisation. An official stated there is no

Tension In Occupied Area

"THE SITUATION IN THE OCCUPIED ZONE IN FRANCE HAS GROWN DRAMATICALLY ACUTE IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS," SAYS THE BASLE NEWSPAPER "NATIONAL ZEITUNG."

"Anti-German demonstrations called 'Communist' by the occupying power and the French police authorities, acts of sabotage against traffic, and railway accidents, the murder of a German officer, mass arrests of thousands of alleged Communists, establishment of special tribunals by the French Government, German military commanders' threats to shoot hostages should fresh sabotage occur — a mere enumeration of these events provides speaking evidence of the state of tension that has been reached.

intention to commandeer tankers but the Board would pool ships and direct operations with a view to ensuring greater efficiency.—Reuter.

"It has become the central problem of French internal politics but it has its roots above all in external politics."

Commenting on the increased Communist activity, due to the outbreak of war with Russia, the article says: "The Communists used the war period in the first year after the armistice to build up a well-camouflaged illegal organisation the nucleus of which has not been reached by any police action."

The writer ascribes this to the inefficiency of the French police mass measures compared with the "refined, individualised methods of the Germans."

Old Trick

The paper comments: "The mass nature of the arrests in Paris tempts one to believe Paris is attempting to give the Germans proof of their energy rather than follow any definite purpose."

Referring to the appeal by General von Stuepnagel, Commander-in-Chief of the German army in France, which put Germanophobia on the same footing as Communism, the article says: "It is an old trick to call any opposition Communist."

"At present in occupied France practically all supporters of the national resistance idea not yet reconciled to defeat and who oppose any form of victor power are regarded as Communists."

Collaboration

Adding that this applies in the widest sense to the threat to shoot hostages, the paper draws attention to a "highly interesting sentence" in the German public notice, which illustrates the close collaboration between the German and French authorities.

The notice mentions that "not only prisoners in the hands of the German military authorities but also those placed at the Germans' disposal by other official sources."

The paper says: "This can only mean that prisoners in the hands of the French police are regarded by the German authorities as hostages and will be shot if sabotage continues."

"But the most that can be obtained by such means is fear and obedience, never love."

Little Hope

They have little hope left of creating really friendly relations between the two people.

"READINESS TO COLLABORATE WITH GERMANY IS RESTRICTED TO THE SMALL UPPER CLASS BUT IS REJECTED BY THE PEOPLE."

"Germany is certainly strong enough to suppress France, however muttering and hostile,

just as it can at present deal with parallel phenomena in Norway, Holland and Serbia.

"But the hopes held in a few German circles that the French might be made allies appear hardly capable of fulfilment at a time when the shooting of hostages is threatened."—Reuter.

ACCORDING TO THE IRANIAN SPOKESMAN AT ANKARA, THE IRANIAN CABINET RESIGNED YESTERDAY. STATES MARTIN AGRONSKY, N.B.C. RADIO COMMENTATOR.—REUTER.

While there is no confirmation in London of the reports that the Iranian Government may seek a peaceful settlement with Great Britain and Russia, there is little doubt that the Shah appreciates the formidable nature of the composition of the forces moving into Iran, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns.

Moreover, it is felt that the Iranian Government must by this time be convinced of the justice and reasons which led to Britain and Russia taking action, and of the importance which the Allies attach to Iran's position.

The hope was expressed in London yesterday that the Shah might see his way to reach a peaceful solution. It is learned that the British Minister to Teheran saw the Shah again yesterday.—Reuter.



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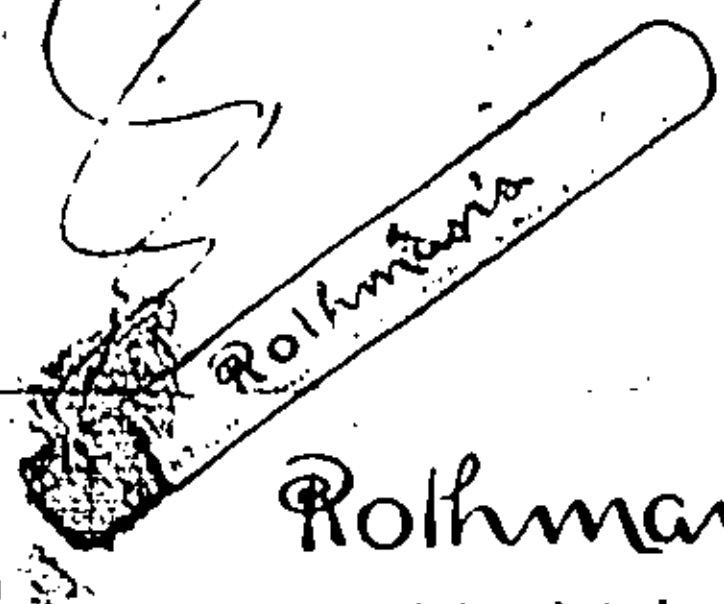
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FRENCH QUISLINGS SHOT AT Laval And Deat Slightly Wounded

DE GAULLE OFFER TO AMERICA

(By Reuter's Diplomatic
Correspondent)

Interest in the position of the West African ports continues in London so that a report from America last night that General de Gaulle had offered to put the Free French ports in Africa at the disposal of the U.S. as a naval base, presumably to counteract German influence at Dakar, was read with attention.

Free French Headquarters in London stated they had no knowledge of such an offer though in any case the decision would be made by the General himself at Brazzaville.

From what is known of the General's views, however, it was thought that if America considered these ports would prove useful to the United States, the Free French would gladly place them at America's disposal.—Reuter.

Speedy Russian Advance

Information about the progress of the Russian troops in Iran is still laconic but the names of places mentioned in the Soviet communique leaves no doubt that progress is rapid and is not meeting opposition.

The Soviet press strongly emphasises there is no quarrel with the Iranians and a "Pravda" article stresses the largely feudal nature of Iran society and the exorbitant rents being paid to landlords and also Hitler's influence over Fascist officer elements of the Iran Army.

It is apparent from the speed of the Russian advance that motorised troops are being largely used.—Reuter.

RUMANIAN GENERAL REPORTED SHOT

General Ciuperca, former Inspector-General of the Rumanian army, has been shot for opposing the sending of the Rumanian army to fight beyond the Dneister, according to rumours in Bucharest, quoted by the Istanbul correspondent of the Independent French News Agency. The correspondent adds that 12 Rumanian generals have resigned for the same reason.—Reuter.

Modern Army In U.S.

United States army units participating in the Pacific - Northwest manoeuvres are "far, far ahead" of any divisions sent to France in the last war, declared the United States Secretary for War, Mr. Henry Stimson, at a press conference in Tacoma yesterday.

Mr. Stimson was an artillery Colonel in France during the last war.

Both he and General Marshall, United States Chief of Staff, expressed approval of the military training which the troops in the Far East are receiving.

General Marshall declared that the Army could not be caught unprepared if it was suddenly called on to expand again.

"Sites are being selected and preliminary surveys are being made for 20 more cantonments. If the need arises we will be in a position to start building immediately." — Reuter.

BOMBAY GREET MORE ITALIANS

A Bombay message states that 1,200 Italian prisoners, including one general and over 500 officers have arrived in that port.—Reuter.

Dramatic Scene At Versailles

PIERRE LAVAL AND MARCEL DEAT WERE SHOT AT AND WOUNDED — THOUGH NOT SERIOUSLY — AT VERSAILLES YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, SAID THE VICHY OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY LAST NIGHT. THE ASSAILANT WAS A YOUNG MAN NAMED PAUL COLETTE, AGED 29, BORN AT MENDEVILLE IN 1912.

Count Fernand de Brinon, French Ambassador in the occupied zone, who himself narrowly escaped afterwards made the following statement to the press, according to Paris radio.

"This afternoon Laval and Deat have been the victims of an attack under the following circumstances:

"At Versailles the first French volunteers of the anti-Bolshevik legion were to enter the barracks.

"At the beginning of the ceremony the French colours were hoisted and La Marseillaise rung for the first time in occupied territory.

"Thereafter, the official visitors inspected the barracks.

who has admitted that he joined the legion for the purpose of committing the attack.

"Laval was shot in the arm and in his side. The bullet has been extracted.

"Deat was also shot in the arm.

"The condition of the victims is not considered to be serious." — Reuter.

Colette's Story

Brought before the examining magistrate, Colette said he was born at Monderville in the department of Calvados.

"I only arrived in Versailles this afternoon as a volunteer," he said. "I had decided to enlist in the Legion with the idea of shooting down someone. The only men I could recognise among the personages was the former Prime Minister, Mr. Laval. That is why I fired at him."

The inquiry is still continuing. — Reuter.

"Faint Reports"

"Thousands of the Versailles population in a procession, in which I was present, passed under the porch of the barracks.

"According to preliminary investigations Laval and Deat must have been immediately behind me. I heard faint reports to which I paid no particular attention.

"A FEW MOMENTS LATER I OBSERVED LAVAL SUPPORTED BY SOME PEOPLE. HE SAID 'THEY HAVE HIT ME.' HE WAS IMMEDIATELY REMOVED TO THE VERSAILLES HOSPITAL.

"Deat was also wounded.

"Not Serious"

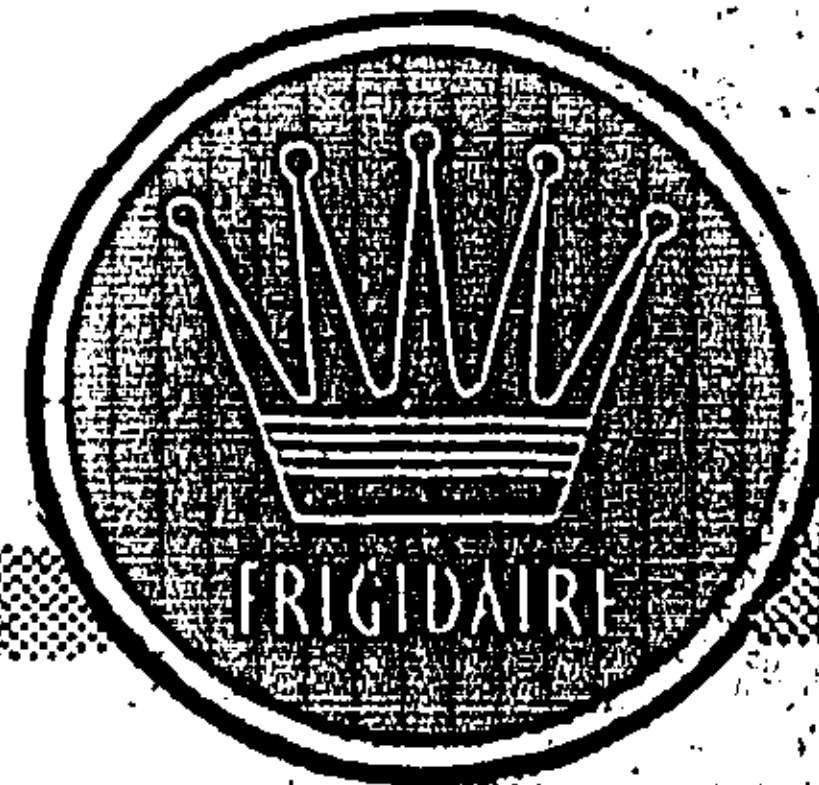
"The alleged attacker has been arrested. He is a young man

N.Z. TANK BRIGADE

The Defence Minister of New Zealand, Mr. C. W. Jones, yesterday announced the proposed formation of a New Zealand Army Tank Brigade for overseas, and the establishment of an armoured vehicles fighting school.

Experienced personnel, returning from overseas, and officers are being lent by the British War Office to act as instructors.

The training of the Brigade will be starting soon and will be continued in advanced form when the Brigade joins the expeditionary force. Three of the British officers will be from the Royal Armoured Corps.—Reuter.



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Iranian Government Now Reported Ready To Reconsider

IRANIAN FOLLY REVEALED

It is authoritatively stated in London that the Iranian Government, tempted by the favourable credit terms which the Germans offered, sold for export virtually the whole of the year's grain harvest, as well as stocks of tea and sugar, with a complete disregard of the needs of Iranians.

Already there is much destitution. Food riots have taken place in Shiraz, Isfahan, Yazd, Kerman and Hamadan, and even in the capital there is a serious shortage and discontent is rife.

It is estimated that in the oil areas of the south-west, the existing supplies will suffice for the barest needs of the civilian population only until September 15.

In view of this lamentable state of affairs, orders have been given by the General Officer Commanding the British troops to import at once into the area occupied by the British 650 tons of wheat from Iraq.

This represents something like a month's supply and will meet the initial requirements. It will, in due course, be supplemented by further consignments from India. —Reuter.

NATIVE CONSCRIPTION IN N.E.I.

IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN BATAVIA YESTERDAY THAT THE NECESSARY STEPS FOR PUTTING INTO EFFECT THE LAW FOR NATIVE CONSCRIPTION RECENTLY PASSED BY THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES WEAPONS CONVENTION HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT SO SMOOTHLY AND RAPIDLY THAT NATIVE CONSCRIPTS WILL BE CALLED TO ARMS AS EARLY AS SEPTEMBER 25.

Home guards will be organised in Sumatra according to a scheme already operating in Java.

The Netherlands East Indies Government have, moreover, adopted preliminary measures whereby all persons of no nationality "between the ages of 16 and 60 residing in the N.E.I., or employed on N.E.I. ships, or ships belonging to the N.E.I., will be liable to compulsory civil defence work." —Reuter.

INDIA'S CENSUS

PRELIMINARY CENSUS RETURNS OF INDIA'S POPULATION TAKEN EARLY THIS YEAR DISCLOSE AN INCREASE IN INDIA'S POPULATION BY 46 MILLION OVER THE FIGURES OF 1931, AND POSSIBLY AN ACTUAL INCREASE OF 60 MILLION.

Although it is generally unofficially assumed that India's population numbered 400 million, the census reveals a mere 389 million, being 11 million short in India alone.

The 1931 census showed that the 383 million included Burma with about 14½ million. —Reuter.

ALLIED FORCES ENCOUNTER LITTLE RESISTANCE

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

While the Russian troops advancing southward from the Caucasus and the British in a north-westerly direction from Iraq are meeting very little opposition from the Shah's armies and remarkable cordiality from the civilian population, the authorities in Teheran are beginning to realise their policy of procrastination has landed them in a serious crisis.

The mighty combination of forces represented by Britain and Russia has been challenged by the evasive tactics of the Iranian Government and despite the most earnest warnings there has been no serious attempt to prevent the infiltration of German agents or reduce their numbers.

BORDER DISTRICTS PEACEFUL

Disclosure that conditions on either side of the Baluchistan-Iranian border were perfectly peaceful was made to Reuter by Lieutenant-General E. F. Norton, Commander of the Western (Independent) District with Headquarters at Quetta.

He expressed satisfaction with the arrangements for the protection of India from any aggression and endorsed General Wavell's recent statement that India would be firmly defended.

Speaking of the territory under his command, which extends from Karachi to the border of the North-West Frontier and includes Baluchistan, General Norton said that the defences were strong and invulnerable. —Reuter.

SCORCHED EARTH IN UKRAINE

THAT GERMANY IS NOT FINDING UKRAINE A READY SOURCE OF SUPPLIES IS INDICATED BY ITEMS APPEARING IN AXIS AND NEUTRAL NEWSPAPERS.

The Berlin correspondent of a Swedish newspaper reports Germany is unable to harvest crops left behind in the west Ukraine owing to lack of machinery and labourers. Labourers have been removed or are refusing to work and the remaining harvesting machinery required repairs for which men are not available.

The Stefani (Italian) agency reports the Russians put so much machinery out of action that recourse is being made to scythes and disused windmills. The Germans were forced to release men from the army for agricultural work in the Ukraine. —British Wireless.

Now that the blow has fallen the Iranian Government seem disposed to come forward with fresh proposals of a more comprehensive character.

It is believed the Shah informed Sir Reader Bullard, the British Minister in Teheran, that the Iranian Government would be willing to expel all Germans except a few indispensable technicians within a week and even those would be removed as soon as substitutes could be trained.

Tardy Appreciation

Now that the two Governments have taken steps to reduce the evil of German Fifth Columnists' manoeuvres, this offer suggests a somewhat tardy appreciation of the circumstances.

The proposals of the Iranian Government will no doubt receive the fullest consideration but it is obvious that the military operations that have been initiated cannot be suspended until the British and Soviet Governments are satisfied that all potential menace from the Axis in Iran has been effectively countered. —Reuter.

Cabinet Resigns

ACCORDING TO THE IRANIAN SPOKESMAN AT ANKARA, THE IRANIAN CABINET RESIGNED YESTERDAY. STATES MARTIN AGRONSKY, N.B.C. RADIO COMMENTATOR. —REUTER.

Solution Possible

While there is no confirmation in London of the reports that the Iranian Government may seek a peaceful settlement with Great Britain and Russia, there is little doubt that the Shah appreciates the formidable nature of the composition of the forces moving into Iran. Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns.

Moreover, it is felt that the Iranian Government must by this time be convinced of the justice and reasons which led to Britain and Russia taking action, and of the importance which the Allies attach to Iran's position.

The hope was expressed in London yesterday that the Shah might see his way to reach a peaceful solution. It is learned that the British Minister to Teheran saw the Shah again yesterday. —Reuter.

NO NEW BUILDINGS FOR INDIA

The Government of India has announced in Simla that owing to a severe shortage of supplies no iron and steel will be available for the erection of residential and office buildings and places of amusement. —Reuter.

FIGHTER 'PLANES PROTECTING FORWARD TROOPS

YESTERDAY'S R.A.F. Middle East communique revealed that in Iran on Tuesday R.A.F. fighters continued to provide protection for our forward troops.

One Iranian Hawker-type aircraft was shot down while taking off at Ahwaz and another was attacked on the ground. Our bombers again dropped pamphlets on Isfahan, Giraz and Kasbin.

Another force successfully bombed gun positions and troop concentrations holding Pytak Pass.

Further reports show that during operations by our fighters on August 25, four Iranian aircraft, and not three as stated in the previous communique, were destroyed.

In bombing attacks on Ahwaz aerodrome direct hits were obtained on a hangar setting it on fire and destroying at least one Iranian aircraft.

In Libya

In Libya, several targets in Cyrenaica and Tripolitania were attacked on the night of August 25/26.

Tripoli harbour and dumps near the town were again heavily bombed. A particularly violent explosion was seen to hurl masses of debris high into the air and was followed by a bright fire, and a number of other fires were started near the fort and power station.

At Benghazi, several bombs were dropped on railway sidings and an enemy encampment.

On the same night Fleet Air Arm aircraft bombed the harbour at Bardia and obtained direct hits on ships and started fires among petrol dumps.

South African bombers heavily damaged concentrations of enemy mechanical transport vehicles near Rasuenna on Tuesday.

Shipping Attacked

In the central Mediterranean R.A.F. medium bombers attacked enemy ships on Tuesday.

Direct hits with heavy bombs were obtained on one vessel and

AXIS PRISONERS TAKEN

It is learned in Simla that a large number of Germans and Italians are among the prisoners taken at Bandar Shapur. Many Iranian naval prisoners were also taken at Khorramshah.

It is now known that airborne troops were landed in the Haft-keel area to protect the employees of the oil company.

The British are now in complete occupation of Bandar Shapur, Choramshaur, Sylaimanyah and Qasarsikh.

The whole area west of Khorramshahr, along the Shattelarab River, right down to Abadan, is in British hands.

On the south bank of the Karun River, the British occupied the floating dock and have secured the passage between Basra and Abadan, and Abadan Island is completely cleared of Iranians. —Reuter.

another ship was hit and left sinking.

A number of Macchi 200's which approached Malta on Tuesday evening were engaged by R.A.F. fighters and chased back to Sicily, where three of them were shot down, one falling in a village. Several other enemy fighters were badly damaged.

In Cyprus R.A.F. fighters intercepted and shot down one S69 off Famagusta on Tuesday.

In Abyssinia, enemy positions at Wolcheft and Gondar were bombed and machine-gunned on Tuesday by R.A.F. and South African aircraft.

From all these operations three of our aircraft are missing. —Reuter.

DOMINION ENDORSEMENT

ALL THE DOMINION GOVERNMENTS WERE KEPT INFORMED OF THE PROGRESS OF THE ROOSEVELT CHURCHILL TALKS WHICH TOOK PLACE SOMEWHERE IN THE ATLANTIC AND LED TO THE FORMULATION OF WHAT IS NOW KNOWN AS THE ATLANTIC CHARTER. STATE DEPARTMENT LOBBY CORRESPONDENT.

Whole-hearted approval has been expressed by all the Dominion Governments to the British Government at the terms and conditions of the Charter. —Reuter.

SOVIET MILITARY RETICENCE

Leaving Field To Nazi Bombast

Attempt To Drive Wedge In North

WITH A BLARE OF TRUMPETS AND ROLL OF DRUMS, THE GERMANS YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED THE CAPTURE OF VELIKE LUGIA, THE JUNCTION ON THE DIRECT RAILWAY FROM RIGA TO MOSCOW. THEY CLAIM A BIG BAG OF PRISONERS AND 400 GUNS.

BATTLE OBVIOUSLY CONTINUING

With the evacuation of Novgorod by the Russians competent critics are of opinion that the Leningrad-Moscow railway is now likely to be endangered.

Although the Russians report further heavy fighting there is no later news of the important counter-attack against the Germans in the Gomel area. The battle is obviously continuing and news is anxiously awaited as it is felt a great deal depends on the issue.

If the German thrust is not held up the Kiev salient, with the troops within it in grave danger of being cut off and a threat is possible to Kharkov.

If the Russian attack is successful the German task in the south will be made much more difficult.

Claims by the Germans to have taken Dnepro-Petrovsk are not confirmed by the Russians, and even if substantiated it means that the Germans have been able to cross the River Dnieper which is a vital defence of Marshal Budenny's army.

The Russian midday communiqué did not give any further details, stating simply "During last night our troops were engaged in fighting along the whole front." — British Wireless.

DUKE OF KENT IN ONTARIO

THE DUKE OF KENT, ON ARRIVAL AT HAMILTON (ONTARIO) YESTERDAY, WAS GREETED BY CIVIC, ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE AND R.A.F. OFFICIALS.

He was escorted along streets lined by Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and his procession was headed by a detachment of Royal Canadian Air Force personnel.

The Duke visited the factory of the Canadian Westinghouse Company and inspected its munitions section, after which he lunched at No. 33 Navigation School at Mount Hope. — Reuter.

N.E.I. IMPORTS

THE UNITED STATES TOOK FIRST PLACE IN EXPORTS TO THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES IN 1940, ACCORDING TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BRITISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES, YESTERDAY, STATES A LONDON MESSAGE.

Japan retained second place, Holland took third place, and Great Britain went from fifth to fourth place. Germany fell from fourth to eighth place, shipping goods to the value of some nine million guilders. — Reuter.

The area marks the junction of the armies of Marshal Voroshiloff and Marshal Timoshenko, and it would be a natural place for the Germans to drive in a wedge, writes "Annalist," the military commentator.

The Russian communiqué again speaks of severe fighting along the front but does not mention any place specifically. It must be admitted that this severe reticence of the Russian communiqués does engender a certain degree of nervousness, especially as it leaves the field clear for resounding German claims.

Fortunately these have so often proved to have been exaggerated that they are always treated with extreme reserve.

There is no further news of the fighting in the Leningrad area, nor, more significant still, is there any more information available on the subject of the Russian counter-offensive in the region of Gomel.

Decisive Influence

In well-informed quarters in London, considerable importance is attached to this Soviet attack as it is felt it may have a decisive influence in the Russian salient at Kiev.

Here again one is very near to the point of junction between the left flank of Marshal Timoshenko and the right flank of Marshal Budenny.

Full Of Menace

Having failed in their blitz tactics, and the policy of attrition not yet having yielded appreciable results, the Germans are apparently trying to separate the three Russian commands so as to deal piecemeal with the one offering the best chance of success.

If they are able to retain the initiative, these tactics are certainly full of menace, but it is possible that the Russian commanders have some cards up their sleeves. — Reuter.

BOMBER DOWNS BOMBER

Pilot Off. J. A. J. Bailey, whose skilful manoeuvring enabled his rear gunner to destroy a JU 88 over the North Sea while they were on their way to bomb an important target at Hamburg, receives the D.F.C. in a list of awards:

Bar to D.F.C.—Flt. Lt. J. E. McFall.

D.F.C.—Sqn. Ldr. A. T. Sanders, Actg. Sqn. Ldr. R. O. M. Graham, Actg. Flt. Lt. E. B. Mortimer-Roose, Fly. Off. R. L. F. Day, Pilot Off. F. C. A. Lanning, Actg. Flt. Lt. C. Raymond.

D.F.M.—Sgt. J. R. Bushell, Sgt. B. G. Cooke.

Sqn. Ldr. Sanders was the navigator of one of four bombers which in 1938 broke the world record for a long-distance non-stop formation flight by flying 4,300 miles from Cranwell to Ismailia, Egypt.

TWO 'PLANES CRASH IN PORTUGAL

Two British twin-engined 'planes came down in Portugal yesterday.

One made a forced landing on the coast close to Lisbon and the other at Foreira, in Oporto district.

Both 'planes were burned out but the crews are safe. — Reuter.

EXCITING TRIP BY CANADIANS

The adventurous voyage to England from Gibraltar of two Royal Canadian Engineers — Lieut. Ames and Sapper Ross — who left Gibraltar in a warship, has just been told.

After some days at sea their ship was ordered to join the chase for the Bismarck, and Ames spent 36 hours on the bridge following the operation from start to finish. Then, instead going on to England, the warship started on a hunt for German supply ships during which the Canadian officer was in charge of two anti-aircraft guns.

After some success they put in at a West African port where British colonial officials welcomed the first Canadians they had seen there and Ross made friends with Free French soldiers.

Eventually a destroyer came to the port and in this they sailed to another port where they joined a ship in convoy. The convoy was attacked by German submarines but after a heated battle, warships drove them off without British losses.

The ship eventually landed them back at Gibraltar from which they had started over five weeks before.

Shortly after the Canadians boarded the ship which brought back the British Embassy staff from Yugoslavia. Despite attack by German aircraft they eventually arrived safely in England, having travelled 19,000 instead of the usual 1,100 miles. — British Wireless.

LENINGRAD A VAST ARMED CAMP: HIGH CONFIDENCE

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent)

PEOPLE WHO HAVE ARRIVED IN MOSCOW FROM LENINGRAD DESCRIBE THE CITY'S TENSE, HEROIC ATMOSPHERE. EVERY HOUSE IS LIKE A FORTRESS AND THROUGHOUT DAY AND NIGHT FIREWATCHERS ARE ON EVERY ROOF.

Factories are working at a more intense tempo than ever before. Women have in many cases replaced men who have gone to the front.

The city is working with the slogan "All for the front, all for victory."

The appearance of the streets has changed. Shop windows are sandbagged and boarded up. Troops with bands playing march to the front. Red Cross nurses wearing blue overalls are seen everywhere.

The city will clearly be defended by the most modern methods. The A.A. batteries in and around Leningrad are as active and as well-equipped as Moscow's, and the Germans have already suffered enormous losses—101 'planes in the last two days.

Outlook Brighter

The general outlook has unquestionably improved in recent days. The German advance on Leningrad continues but, slowly owing to the violent resistance put up for every inch of ground by the Russian troops, inspired by Leningrad's determination to defend itself to the last and accepting the German challenge with Leningrad's innate pride.

The eyes of the whole Soviet Union are fixed on Leningrad and the town's defence becomes somehow, for every man a question of personal honour. Leningrad's biggest problem is to maintain communications and supplies with Moscow and Vologda, from the east.

Nazi Tactics

Indications are that the Germans are for the present moving up along the difficult and comparatively inaccessible country between Novgorod and Leningrad

and are not venturing too close to the Moscow-Leningrad railway, with the Moscow base still comparatively close to their present whereabouts.

They may not attempt to cut the railway until they are much nearer to Leningrad.

For moving heavy equipment, conditions are becoming extremely unfavourable for the Germans, especially if the rainy weather continues and increases the precariousness of the long lines of communications.

Proud Prophecy

There is a growing feeling in Moscow that Marshal Voroshiloff's proud prophecy that Leningrad will never fall in Fascist hands is not a vain boast, but may be the prelude to one of this war's most glorious epics.

Both on account of the number of men and the equipment in Leningrad it will be difficult for the Germans to bring up adequate forces over long distances to smash Leningrad's defence.

Offensive Weakening

Other sections of the front give the impression that the big German drive which started over a fortnight ago is exhausting itself and it will take time before another is ready, and time works against the Germans, especially in the north and central sectors.

THE GERMANS HAVE CERTAINLY NOT SUCCEEDED IN CROSSING THE LOWER DNEPER AND ARE STUCK THERE.

What is equally important, the arm of the anti-Ukrainian pioneer movement from Gomel,

HUGE NAZI DUMP BLOWN UP

Recent reports from Norway indicate that despite the state of siege existing, acts of sabotage are steadily increasing, according to a Moscow report yesterday.

"The German authorities have made recourse to mass arrests and the concentration camps are fully overflowing," says the report.

One of the most important acts of the saboteurs occurred at Trondheim where a "violent explosion was heard. It was a huge dump of German aerial bombs."

Many fires are raging in Norway, says the report, especially in districts where the German command have built important secret military establishments. — Reuter.

with which the Germans hoped to have penetrated to Bratsk and Kharkov, in the Don Basin, has been effectively snatched off by the Russians by what appears to be a most effective counter-offensive in the Gomel area.

Dnieper-Petrovsk's capture is not confirmed by the Russians.

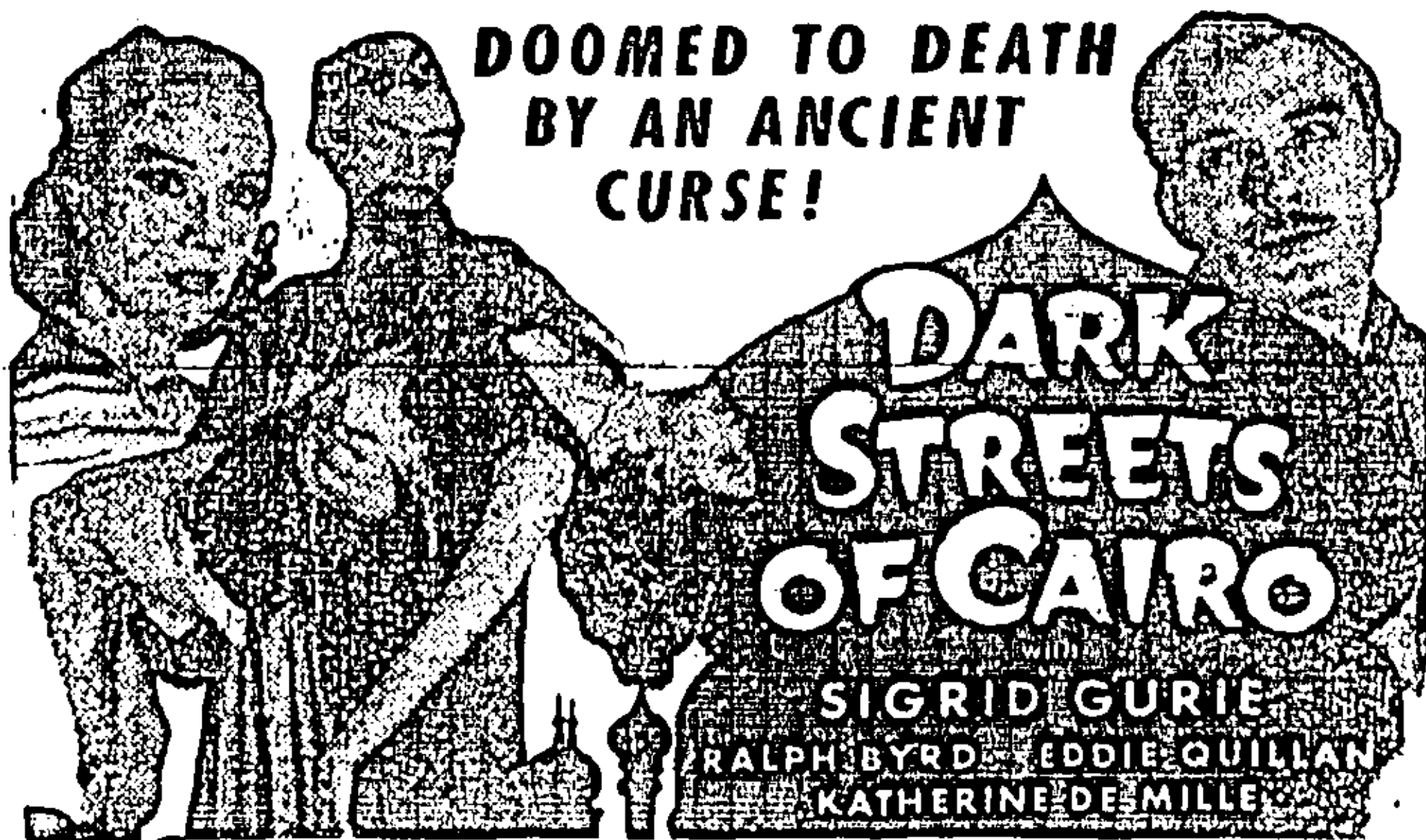
Enormous Licking

Failure of the drive against Kiev is manifest — the Germans got an enormous licking again there a few days ago — and the defence of Odessa, the Black Sea's "super-Tobruk" — continues effectively and promises to be a constant thorn in the side of the occupiers of the western Ukraine. — Reuter.

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BLÉNHEIMS MAKE HAY AMONG GERMAN NORTH SEA CONVOYS

PICKINGS ARE BECOMING a bit rare these days for the boys of the Coastal Command and therefore when the eager eyes of these flyers observe a large German convoy they allow no obstacle or danger to stand in their way.

On Tuesday at about noon a group of Blenheim bombers flying on patrol without benefit of fighter escorts sighted a large enemy convoy off the German Frisian Islands.

It was observed that the convoy was extremely well protected. There were six "flak" ships, which are vessels especially fitted as anti-aircraft destroyers, bristling with guns, guarding the merchantmen, while above circled a patrol of Messerschmitt 110s at about 1,000 feet.

AGAINST THIS FORMIDABLE LINE THE BLÉNHEIMS ROARED IN LOW TO THE ATTACK.

The first pilot singled out a freighter as target and the crew, believing he got a hit although they could not verify because the pilot had to make a sharp turn to avoid hitting the ship's mast.

Great Flash

Another Blenheim attacked a freighter, dropping bombs amidships causing a great flash of flames and smoke to leap into the air.

The other crews busily occupied themselves bombing and machine-gunning the ships and escorts.

Meanwhile, as was expected, the enemy aircraft escort peeled off and came down to engage the Blénheims which were skilfully intent on creating havoc amongst the merchantmen but the British were ready for this contingency and one flight of Blénheims, acting as a section in flying formation, adopted evasive tactics while its gunners kept a concentrated fire on the enemy planes.

One gunner alone, according to the Air Ministry news service, fired 1,500 rounds of ammunition. He saw pieces fall off a Messerschmitt but there was no time for checking scores.

Blenheim Hit

The flak ships put up a fierce defence and one Blenheim was seen to fly through the thick of the barrage and receive a hit. It dived into the sea.

About an hour later Blénheims with a fighter escort found an even larger convoy off the Dutch coast.

There were two lines of merchantships, staggered in line astern with flak ships at the four corners of the convoy and two in the middle on the seaward side.

Guns on shore reinforced the flak ships' barrage.

Enemy fighters were seen but they stood off, not engaging either the Blénheims or the escort fighters.

A Blenheim attacked one of the largest ships in the convoy from a height of 50 feet, dropping a bomb which blew all the top works from amidships causing a billow of black smoke immediately to cover the entire vessel.

Quickly Sank

The following Blenheim dropped a bomb on the same ship which broke up and quickly sank.

In all, four other ships were hit and left blanketed in flames. Both fighters and bombers machine-gunned the bridges and decks of many of the ships.

"Nothing could have lived on those bridges after we had put such loads of lead in them," said one Blenheim gunner.—Reuter.

MAN DEAD IN PARK

A PARK-KEEPER AT HILLY FIELDS, ENFIELD (MIDDLESEX), IN EARLY MORNING DISCOVERED A DEAD MAN AND AN UNCONSCIOUS GIRL ON THE GRASS.

Nearby was a bottle of tablets. The girl, Violet Munday, 19, Theobald's Park Road, Enfield, was stated to be progressing. The man, Thomas Mills, 33, married, with two children, Banstead-avenue, Edmonton, N., was a chemist's assistant. He and the girl had worked in the same shop.

NEW GOVERNOR OF ROTARY IN BRITAIN

Viscount Knollys has been appointed Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Bermuda, succeeding Lieut-General Sir Denis Kirwin Bernard, whose resignation has been accepted by the King. The appointment follows the recent decision that the governor should be a civilian.—Reuter.

It is announced in London that Mr. Thomas Jefferson Davis, one of the most prominent Rotarians in the United States and President of Rotary International, will shortly arrive in Britain to study the British Rotary movement under war conditions. Mr. Davis will be the guest of the British association.—British Wireless.

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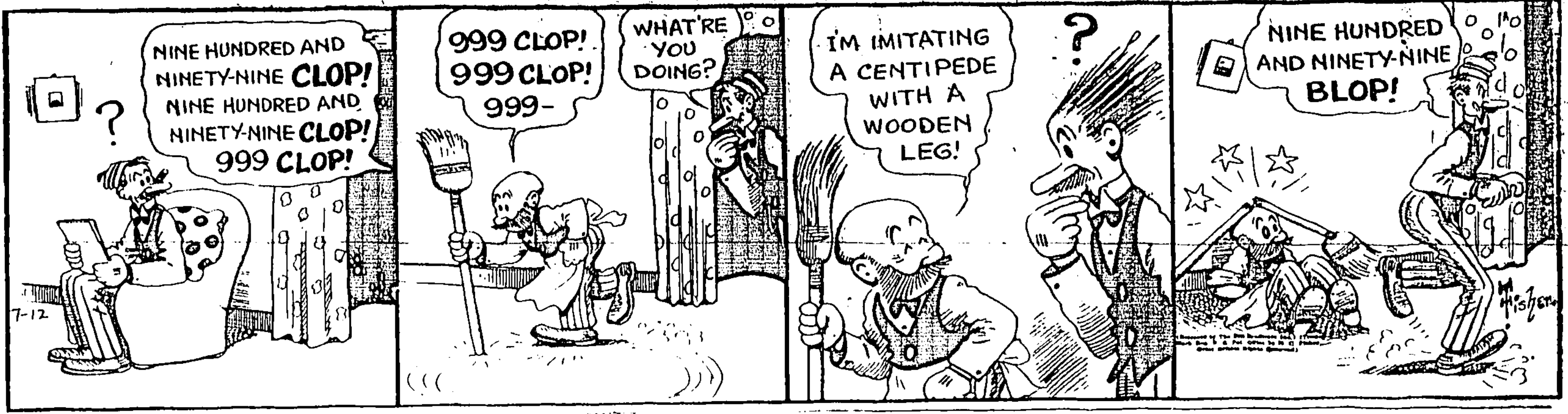


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"We have implicit confidence in each other and in our cultural background which is essential to international understanding," said Dr. Quo Tai-chi, Minister of Foreign Affairs, in a speech at the Confucius' birthday party given by the Chinese-American Institute of Cultural Relations last night.

Dr. Quo said that though conversations are going on in Washington between the United States and Japan, not the slightest apprehension is entertained by the Chinese that China's interests will not be upheld on the fundamental principles of international policy.

Mr. Clarence E. Gauss, American Ambassador to China, who was present said: "Where America stands with reference to China and the Far East is known to you all."

On March 15th, President Roosevelt said, "America will extend to China immediately all possible aid." America does not enter into or take lightly any commitments.

Mr. Owen Lattimore, personal adviser to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, dwelt on the importance of Sino-American cultural relations.

Other prominent guests included Mr. Kung Teh-cheng, 77th lineal descendant of Confucius. — Central News.

DOWN WITH THE DAWN

In the Battle of Britain last year rural England got used to seeing British airmen floating down by parachute after fighting and beating the Germans at great odds.

Now that the enemy has been obliged to reduce his air offensive, the sight is not so common, and it was therefore rather startled and suspicious farmer who regarded a dishevelled-looking fighter pilot who knocked him up at dawn one morning last month.

"I am afraid he took an extremely poor view of me for a time," grinned the pilot when eventually he got back to his base, "but after a while the situation was grasped and the inevitable cup of tea produced."

The pilot had had some difficulty in leaving his aircraft. As he jumped his leg caught on something but this luckily gave way when he pushed.

"I must have been at about 1,500—2,000 feet when I got clear," he said. "My parachute, however, opened almost instantly and I felt a heavy jolt as it filled. This was followed by a pleasant sensation of quietness and the feeling that I was not falling."

But the "pleasant sensation" was short lived for a little while later, as the pilot himself described it, "I landed with considerable force in a ploughed field—on my tail!"

CHINESE AMOK

Allegedly using a chopper and an axe, a Chinese was reported to have attacked three men and a boy who were sleeping in a hostel on the first floor of No. 14 Jubilee Street, at 4 a.m. to-day.

Two of the victims, one 43 years old, and a 12-year-old lad, have been admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital in a serious condition. The other two men were only slightly wounded.

The assailant escaped and has not yet been traced.

LIBYA GUNFIRE

A British Middle East communiqué issued from General Headquarters, Cairo, yesterday states:

Libya: In the frontier area, as the result of activity of our patrols, the enemy opened up artillery fire. In the Tobruk area, no change.

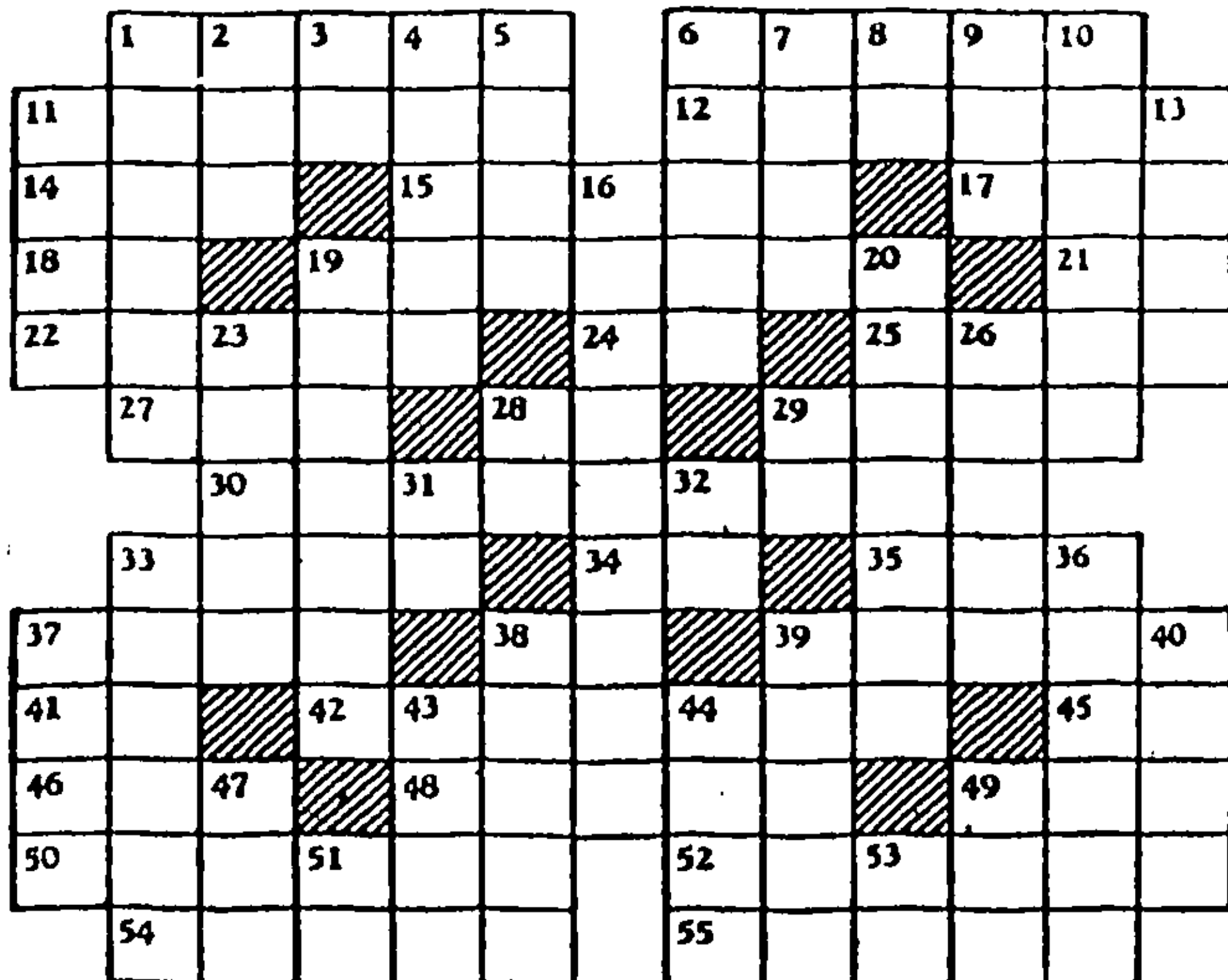
Italian East Africa: In the Worskeft area, a small detachment cooperating with Ethiopian patrols successfully attacked an enemy fort, capturing seven Italians and several machine-guns. — Reuter.

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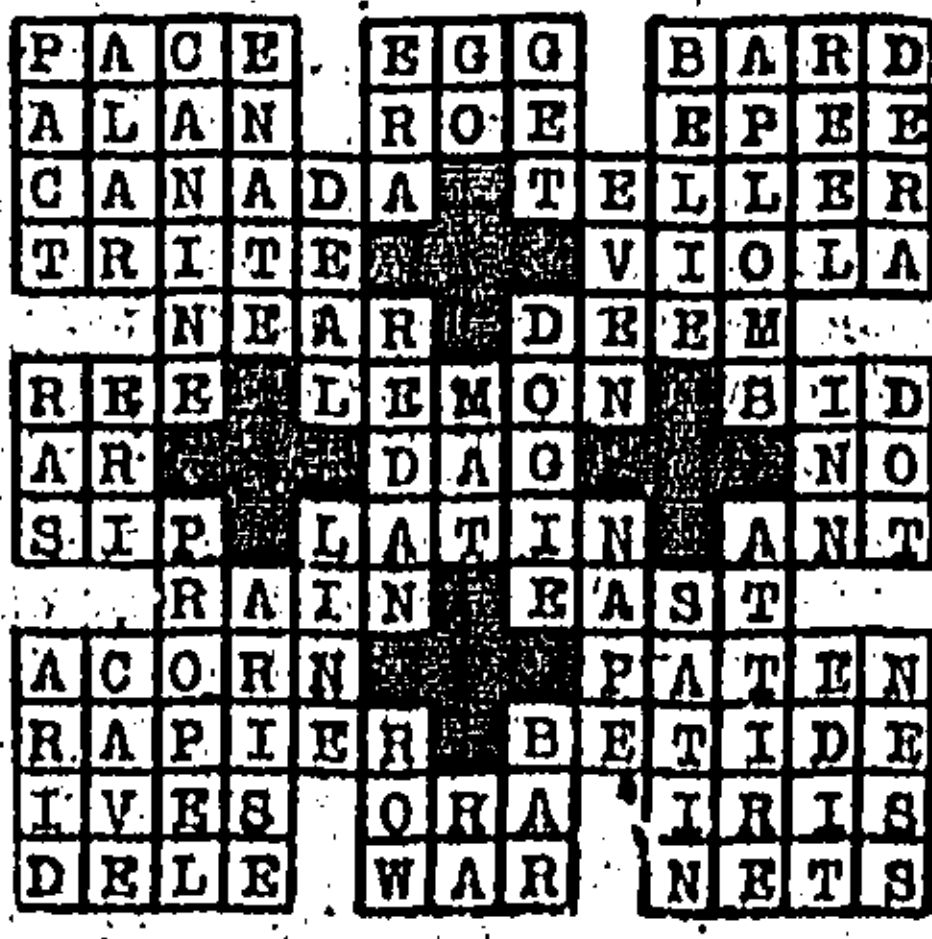
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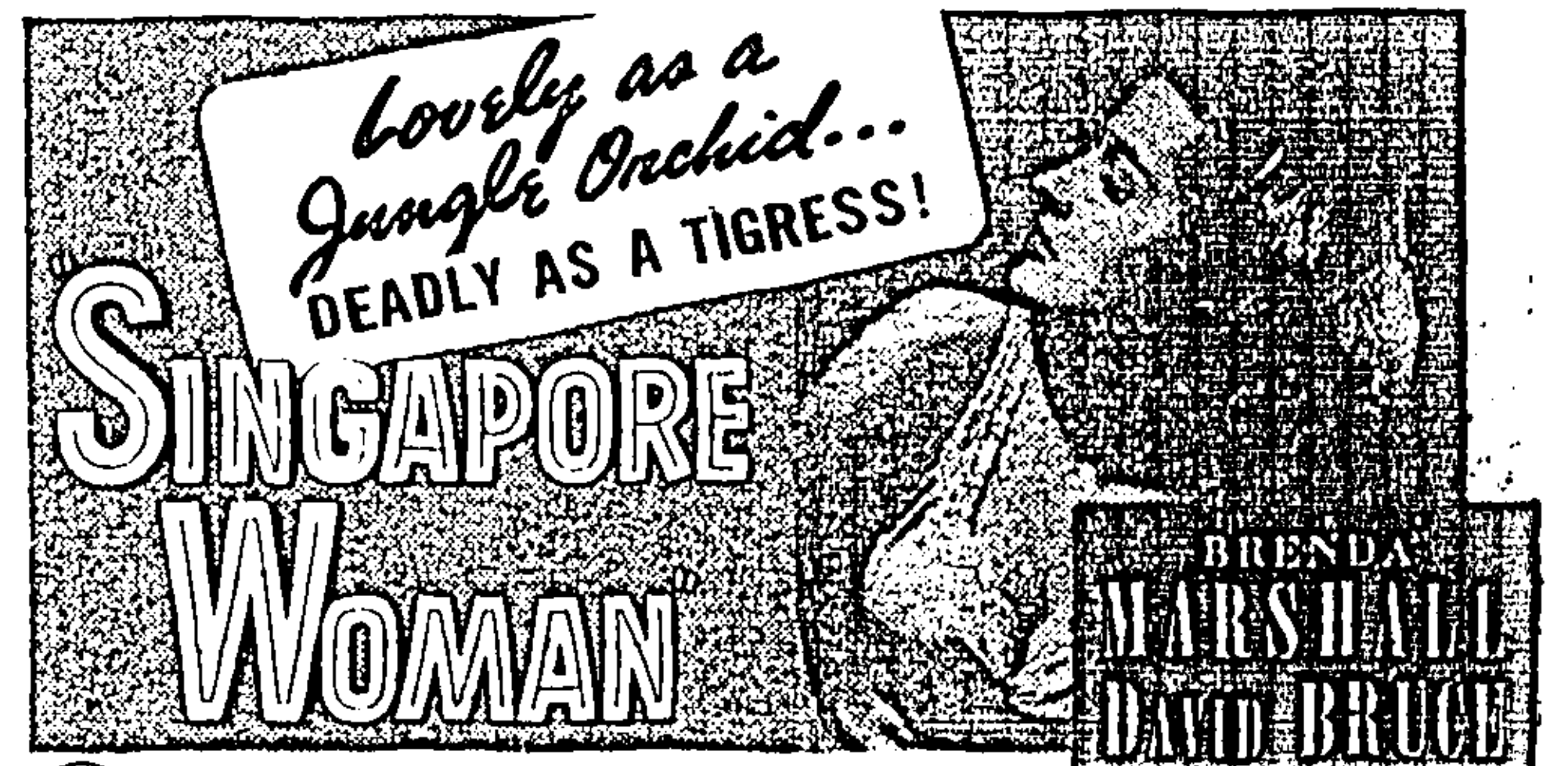
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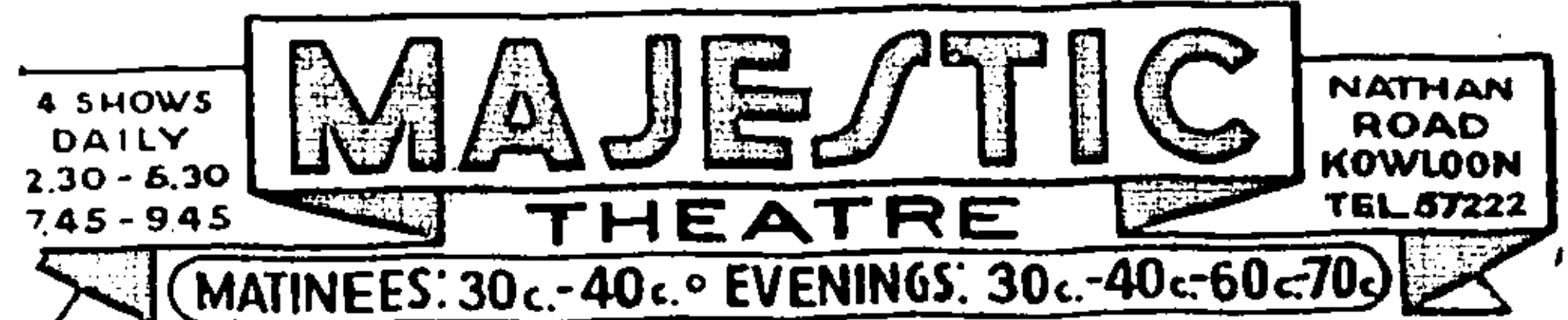


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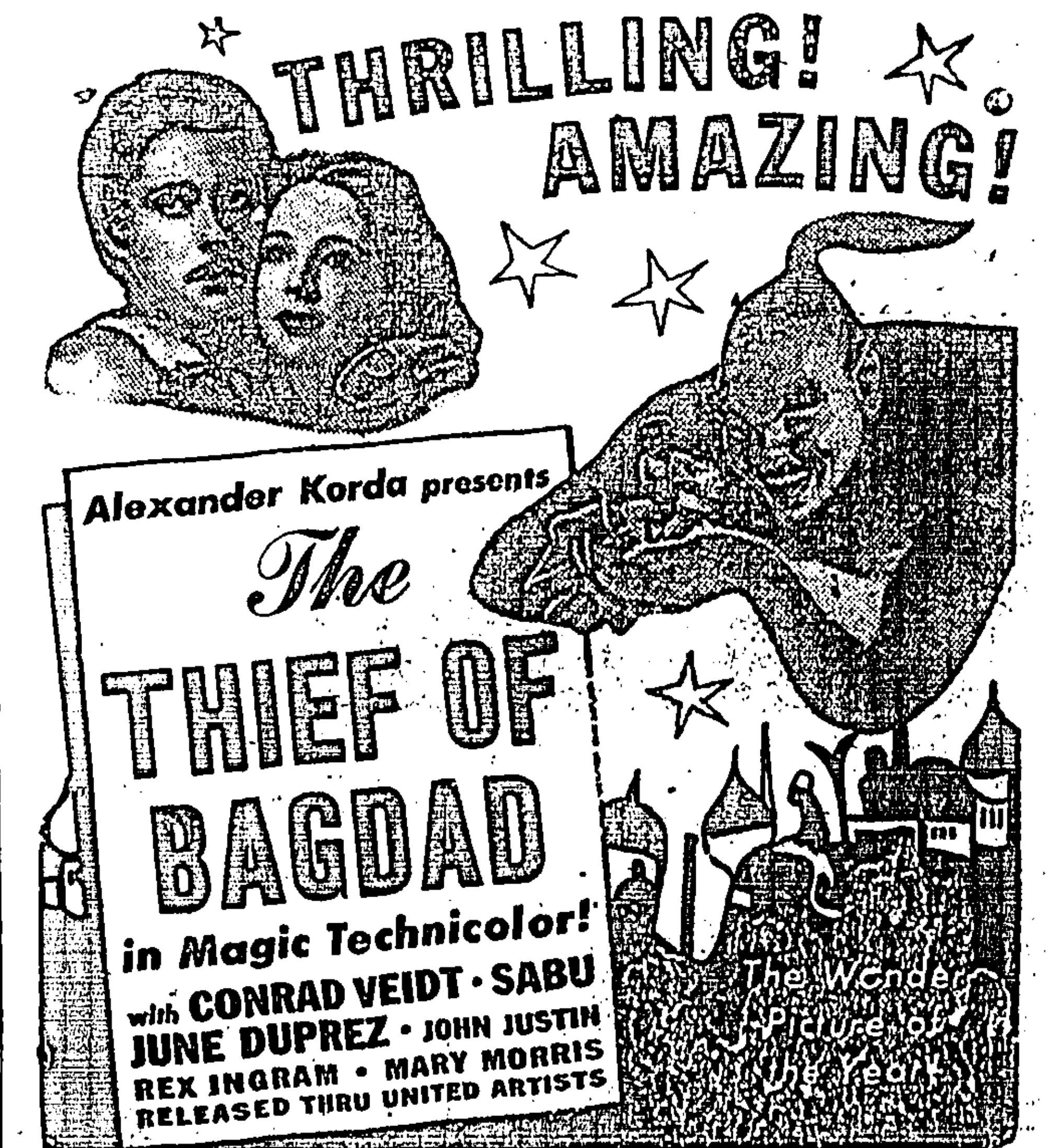
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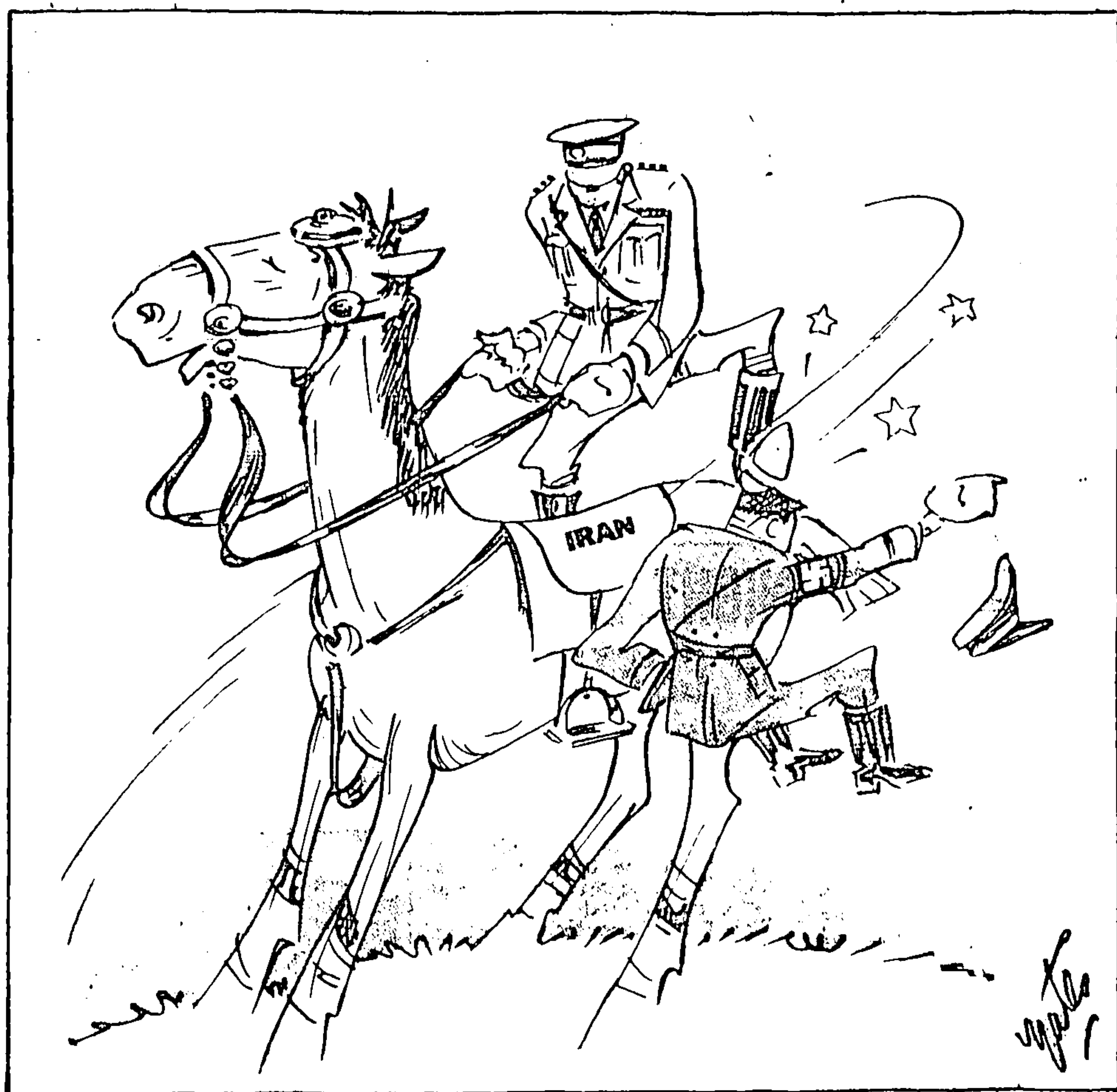
The V sign is an antidote to defeatism. It is a defiance, in the occupied countries, of things as they are, and a reminder like that graven on Solomon's ring, that "even this will pass." These emblems have a power to inspire men far greater than mere logic, since human beings do not conduct their lives by logic, but by sentiment or instinct. Thus the Union Jack stands for British power and courage, the Red Cross for mercy and help. Now, to add to these, we have the V for Victory.

The German Propaganda Department which at first sought to suppress it in the occupied countries, also, by an extraordinary blunder, sought to show that its Morse equivalent is in the opening bar of the great C Minor Symphony of Beethoven, a product of Germany, when Germany still had the respect and affection of the world, and preferred music to machine-guns. The only result of this was that the citizen of France or Norway is able to go down the street yodelling the first two bars of the "Fifth," and when challenged by the German oppressor, declare that it was the German "Viktoria" he meant, not the victory of Britain. By adopting it—with a characteristic lack of humour—the Germans help it to spread, and give it permanence.

It has now got a good start of any clumsy Nazi attempt at adoption. Coming as it does when the Russians' courageous and skilful defence is causing perturbation in Berlin, and the roar of the augmented R.A.F. squadrons on their way to blast Germany grows louder and more persistent each day, it may, despite its apparent ingenuousness, help considerably in shortening the time of the war.

It has the merit of extreme simplicity—even a half-wit can understand it and learn the "dot-dot-dot-dash" of the Morse equivalent, and a piece of chalk is the only instrument necessary to make an impressive display on the walls of town or village. It panders, too, to that deep pleasure which most men feel in giving secret passwords and signals; the same pleasure which the German Nazi feels in giving the Nazi salute and crying "Heil Hitler!"

Thus, while it is not an impressive contribution to



WHAT? NO MORE FREE RIDES?

Pilots Who Never Fight

This is the story of the 'planes that never carry guns—of 'planes that for a year now have kept open, through Nazi-infested skies, Britain's lifeline to the Empire.

It is the story of the pilots who never fight a day after day, they fly through the war zone between Britain and Lisbon—last link with the Continent.

They have just celebrated the first anniversary of the opening of the service—a service without which it would be impossible for the rest of the Empire to be served by air.

Not once has a 'plane been shot down. It has been suggested that Germany finds it useful to have a speedy means of contact with Britain—for war, after all, does need some discussion. Red Cross, prisoners of war, repatriation—all these things have to be worked out between deadly foes, locked in combat.

The pilots take no chances. They never take the same route. Sometimes they zig-zag along the coast, sometimes they fly wide into the Atlantic. When they near Britain, they change altitude and hunt for friendly banks of cloud in which to hide.

As the 'plane nears land, the little Cockney steward who serves lunch clamps discs to the portholes so that the passengers cannot see out of the 'plane. When the coast line is left behind, they are taken out.

It is impossible, of course, for a casual passenger to get a seat, even if he could pay his £35 fare

human thought, it is an extremely good propaganda device, and may contribute very considerably to the overthrow of Nazism if it persists, by lightening the sense of defeat which now must hang heavy over Europe with a gleam of the freedom to come.

ten times over. Five hundred priority passengers a month fill the 'planes. Quite rightly. This service, stripped of its peace-time luxury, is running now for one reason only—to bring the whole of the Empire and America into close range of the battlefield. Think of Wm. slipping over to

By
Noel Barber

the States to have a chat about things with Roosevelt. Could he have done that without a 'plane to get him to Lisbon? Never.

The service started in June, 1940, before France fell, but while Hurricanes were battling over the continent, our landplanes never missed a flight.

When France fell another section of the war plan of Britain's civil aviation came into action.

Flying Boats Take Up Task

The luxury landplanes—without an intermediate air-port where they could refuel—stayed on the ground, and into the air soared some of Britain's non-stop flying boats.

They flew direct—they still fly direct—from Britain to Portugal. But it was soon found that there were not enough of them. There are routes over the Tasman Sea and tracks down the African coast that need flying boats. So British pressed into service the landplanes of one of her toughest allies—the Dutch.

From K.L.M.—that great Dutch peace-time air company—were chartered landplanes capable of taking passengers and mail in one hop to Lisbon.

To-day, British pilots in their flying boats and Dutch pilots in their landplanes share the honour of keeping open the first link in the life-line of the air—a very vital link.

To realise the importance of the Lisbon flight, one has to get it into its proper perspective.

These boats and 'planes that leave Britain for Lisbon are often winging southward on the first stage of an 18,000 mile journey that ends on the other side of the world. From the heart of the war, these 'planes are serving more than 20 countries.

In 1940, they flew 5,000,000 miles keeping the lifelines of the Empire open. They delivered 30,000,000 letters—letters that would have taken weeks or months if they had gone by sea.

South Africa's Airways Centre

Durban is now the centre of a twice-weekly service that operates along the familiar sky paths of East Africa, India and Malaya to Australia. And though to-day the trip from Lisbon to Africa is routine, less than a year ago it was adventure.

At first, passengers and mail had to go by sea from Lisbon to Durban. It meant a lot of irritation and delay.

So one night Tony Loraine of Overseas Airways set off on a new route.

His first stop was Lisbon—though that trip was already commonplace. But from there he flew—without radio help, without weather forecasts—over an uncharted route to West Africa. In his 'plane were representatives of Free France. The situation in the French African colonies was ugly. It was imperative they should reach there quickly. The next morning he landed at Bathurst in Gambia.

What a trip! Made at night—casually, without any fuss—it was almost equal in length to an Atlantic crossing. A brief pause, and the great ship of the air went on to Freetown and so to Lagos. Thus was the second stage inaugurated—a new air-link with the West coast of Africa.

Trans-African air routes take men and mails across to Durban. From there—well, that is easy to the pilots who never fight.

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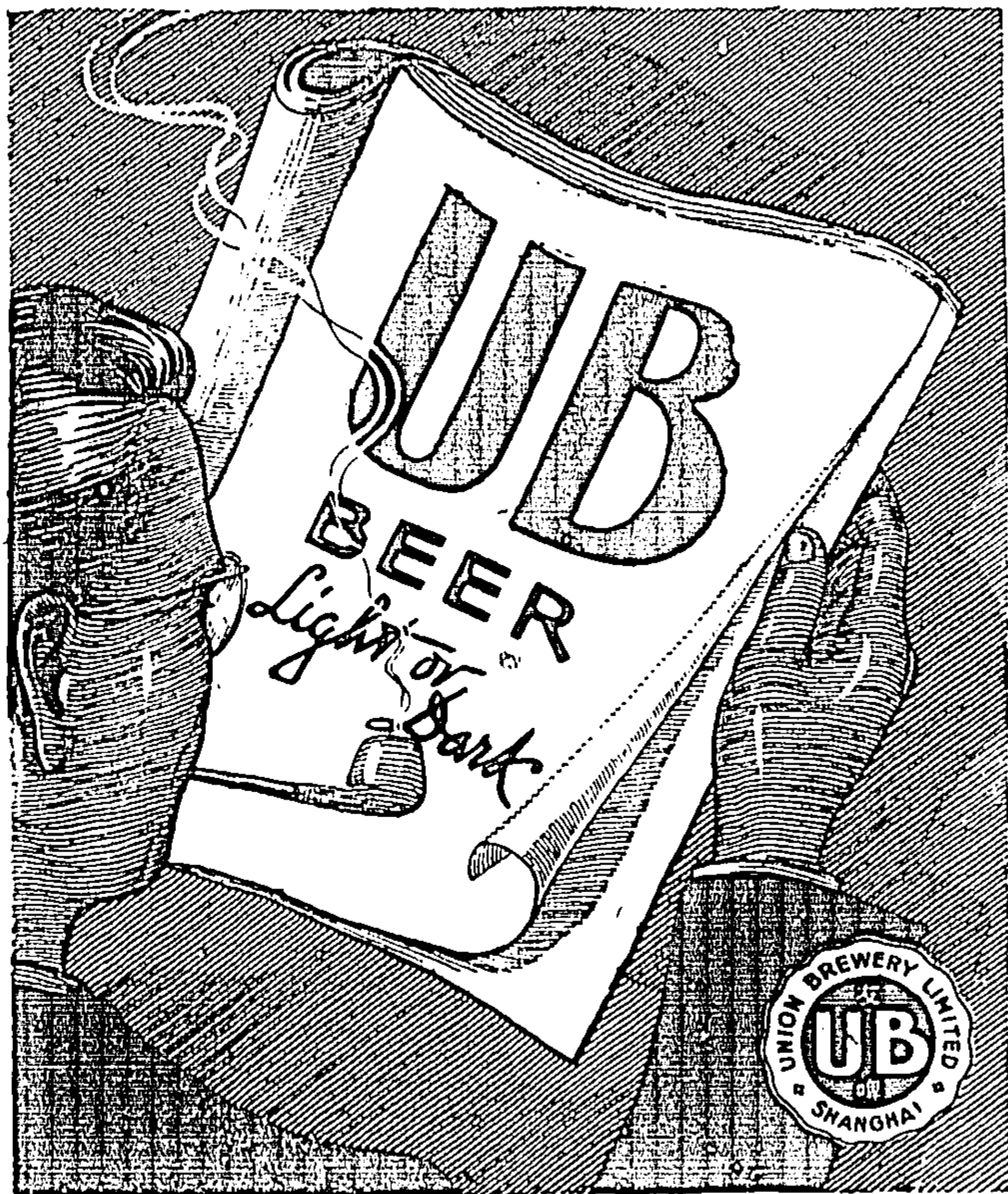
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Imperial War Cabinet Issue

(By Reuter's Political Correspondent)

THERE HAS BEEN MUCH DISCUSSION IN POLITICAL CIRCLES ON THE QUESTION OF DOMINION PARTICIPATION IN THE DIRECTION OF THE WAR, AND POINT HAS BEEN LENT TO THIS DISCUSSION BY THE RECENT PROCEEDINGS IN AUSTRALIA.

NIGHT DRAMA OF CRETE'S EVACUATION

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elaborately worked out, represents only one of the three phases by which the German airborne attack is carried out.

The first phase consists of the methodical bombing and ground sacking of the area to be attacked. The second is the dropping of parachutists, who establish defensive positions and prepare bases for the third stage, the arrival of troops by plane and glider.

The equipment of the parachutists provides the fullest evidence of the high degree of organisation of the German Army down to the most meticulous details.

Each parachutist carries 4,000 rounds of ammunition, 56 hand grenades and a varied and compressed food supply. Their maps are miracles of detail and accuracy. Those taken in Crete contained indications of strategic points to be seized, posts for light artillery and mortars, British ammunition dumps, and sites for the Germans.

There were also detailed markings of the positions of British units. There was evidence here, however, that the Germans had seriously underestimated the number of British troops actually in Crete—a misjudgment which contributed to prolonging the struggle materially, and which prevented the hoped for runaway conquest.

Nevertheless there is good reason to believe, from the evidence of prisoners taken during the closing days of the Crete battle, that the Germans had no more parachutists available. This was borne out by evidence during the evacuation from Sphakia.

On the day preceding our arrival offshore the town had been heavily bombed, and it was reasonable to assume that the Germans were fully aware of the British intention to evacuate from there.

Nothing would have been easier than to drop a number of parachutists there to await the arrival of weary British troops descending by twos and threes and in little groups down the mountain-side.

Greek Officer's Ruse

Our men paid the highest tribute to the courage, tenacity and resource of the Cretans.

One of the best stories is that of a Greek captain captured by German parachutists during the first day's fighting. Brought before a German lieutenant he was questioned about the disposition of the Allied forces in the neighbourhood.

Knowing the small numbers of British and Greek troops actually in the district he determined to have recourse to bluff. Multiplying by eight or 10 the number of each Allied picket known to him, he succeeded in conveying to the lieutenant the impression that a most formidable force was surrounding his parachutists, whereas actually there were only a few scattered pickets.

To his intense surprise he found that the German officer entirely accepted the story, showed signs of distinct distress and expressed a desire to surrender with his troops to the nearest picket.

URGES ARMS FOR A.R.P. MEN

Commander O. Locker-Lampson (Con., Handsworth) is to ask the Home Secretary if all Civil Defence workers can join the Home Guard, and, if not, whether they can be armed for any emergency.

In regard to the question of an Imperial War Cabinet, it is felt that admirable though such a suggestion is in theory, it presents enormous difficulties in practice.

Reference is continually made to the Imperial War Cabinet in the last war but in fact that Cabinet only met three times, once in 1917 and twice in 1918. It was in fact a gathering of Dominion Prime Ministers.

There have been attempts during this war to arrange for similar meetings of Dominion Prime Ministers but up to the present it has not been found possible to get them all in Britain at the same time.

It must be remembered that there is a very full inter-communication between the various Dominion Governments and Britain.

Moreover the Dominion Secretary attends every meeting of the War Cabinet and there is a meeting every day between the Dominions Secretary and the High Commissioners, who are given a very full account of what is going on.

There is also a stream of telegrams between Britain and the various British High Commissioners in the Dominions and from them to Britain.

In Practice

Another suggestion which has been discussed is that a visiting Prime Minister should also be a member of the War Cabinet.

Although there are certain technical difficulties in this proposal, as in the case of the United Kingdom War Cabinet, in practice any visiting Prime Minister attends the War Cabinet and takes part in all discussions except those of a purely domestic nature, and the fact that he is a Dominion Premier gives him special authority on his own.

The proposal has also been made that there should be Dominion Ministers attending the War Cabinet but the point is made what powers they should be given by their Governments.

Fears Of Delay

A Prime Minister can bind his Government but that would not be the position of any other Minister, who would presumably have to refer back for approval of any important matter that might arise, with all the consequences of delay and also the fact that to a considerable extent he would be duplicating the present function of the High Commissioners.

IT IS QUITE CERTAIN THAT A PROPOSAL THAT ONE DOMINION MINISTER SHOULD REPRESENT THE OTHER DOMINIONS WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE OTHER DOMINIONS.

Each Dominion has its own point of view on the various problems that arise and it can and does express it.

This difficulty might be solved by the appointment of Ministers from all the Dominions to attend the War Cabinet but already criticism is being made in the country that the War Cabinet is too large as at present constituted.

There has been some discussion on the part played by General Smuts in the last war but he did not represent either the Dominions or South Africa. He was invited by Mr. Lloyd George on account of his qualities as a soldier and statesman, and it was in his own individual capacity that he acted in the War Cabinet. That situation would not apply to people who came to Britain now as representatives of the Dominions.

Full Collaboration

Australia is the only Dominion that is showing any interest in this matter at the moment. Aim of the Government in London is to secure the fullest possible collaboration with the Dominions.

Apart from the meeting of Dominion Premiers, which it is still hoped will be held when circumstances permit, there is no idea at present of summoning an Imperial Conference.

Such a conference, however, would be held when it was felt necessary to deal with the many problems coming up for settlement at the end of the war.

CAT'S RANK IN THE NAVY

BINKY, A BLACK KITTEN ON BOARD AN ANTI-SUBMARINE SLOOP, IS THOUGHT TO BE THE FIRST PETTY OFFICER CAT.

She was "promoted" by the warroom for bravery in action and devotion to duty.

When an enemy plane is sighted, she does not run for safety. She remains on deck by the gunners, spitting and snarling her fury as their shells burst. When depth charges are being dropped, she never flinches at the explosions.

Binky was born in a ship's engine-room, and first put to sea when a few days old. The R.N.R. commander claims she is the finest kitten afloat.

HE SAW ADOLF CRY

The late Sir Hugh Walpole, the novelist, who saw Hitler in tears, met the Fuehrer at Bayreuth in 1924, soon after the Munich prison episode.

"I remember that he cried," wrote Sir Hugh, "and that I felt his passion for Germany so sincere that it seemed to burn through his ugly boots into the ground, and that I liked him and thought him, in every way, tenth rate."

Walpole began writing when six, and at nine he wrote and illustrated a story of smuggling.

"BOMB RIVIERA," SAY FRENCHMEN

"WHY DON'T THE R.A.F. BOMB THE RAILWAY LINES RUNNING ALONG THE FRENCH-ITALIAN RIVIERA INTO ITALY?"

This question (says a Reuter message from the French frontier) is being put by many Frenchmen.

The lines between Ventimiglia and San Remo (both on the Italian side of the border) have been doubled and a new station built at Ventimiglia.

Italian troops are stationed at Menton (on the French side of the border.)

JAPAN'S ATTEMPT TO HALT SUPPLIES VIA VLADIVOSTOK

THE JAPANESE Government's "protest" to the United States against the delivery of war materials via Vladivostok (according to a Japanese report) was more in the nature of a representation.

It asked for consideration of Japan's position in relation to the Axis alliance, the Soviet neutrality pact and the United States restrictions of exports to Japan, it is learned in authoritative quarters in Tokyo.

Although reminded that shipments to Russia are clearly intended for use against the Nazis rather than against Japan, officials in Tokyo have retorted "Who can guarantee that?"

The representations are said to have been made several days ago.

Freedom Of Seas

Mr. Cordell Hull, United States Secretary of State, at his press conference in Washington yesterday, made it plain that the United States adhered to the freedom of the seas

policy in connection with the shipment of war supplies to Russia through the Pacific.

Asked whether the United States would insist on the freedom of the seas in carrying out the shipments despite Japanese objections, Mr. Cordell Hull replied that until that policy is revoked, it must be assumed to be in effect.

Regarding the possibility that Japan will make formal representations to the United States concerning shipments to Vladivostok, Mr. Cordell Hull said he would leave any statement in that connection to the Foreign Office in Tokyo.

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OFFICIAL CIRCLES IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY DISCLAIMED KNOWLEDGE OF ANY FORMAL JAPANESE REPRESENTATIONS CONCERNING AMERICAN SHIPMENTS OF WAR SUPPLIES TO SOVIET RUSSIA BY WAY OF VLADIVOSTOK.

Official quarters indicate that if there have been any discussions of this nature they arose only from informal Japanese enquiries. Ruter.

CLYDE'S OFFER OF NEW HOOD

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Glasgow alone, it is pointed out, can supply iron and steel to build the main structures of two ships of the Hood size by giving up useless railings.

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NOW HE'S GOT TIME FOR REFLECTION!

Shouting "I'm anti-Roosevelt. Heil Hitler!" John Callahan was charged at Buffalo, New York, with being drunk and disorderly. The Magistrate: Thirty days. Callahan: I'm still of the same opinion.

The Magistrate: But I've changed mine. Do sixty days.

BRITAIN OUSTS NAZIS IN TURKISH TRADE

LATEST AUTHORITATIVE information about Anglo-Turkish trade indicates Britain has definitely replaced Germany as Turkey's most important trade partner.

The Germans have of course been making great efforts to further their trade with Turkey and by economic penetration to influence that country as they did the Balkans but in this case they have failed.

During the first year of war Germany sent Turkey 10,300 tons of goods valued at £78 million or 11.7% by value of Turkey's total imports, whereas Britain sent 20,600 tons worth £79,665,000 or 14.7%.

During five months January to May, 1941, Germany sent 6,800 tons worth £4,836,000 or 14.7% of the value of Turkey's imports, while Britain sent 18,000 tons worth £7,700,000 or 21.6%.

The British Government are very much alive to the importance of furthering Anglo-Turkish trade and in spite of transport difficulties are steadily delivering goods and giving high priority in shipping and supply to Turkey's essential requirements.

Not only is Britain exporting goods (machinery, locomotives, war materials and general cargo) to Turkey but is also assisting in the shipment of essential goods, such as oil from other parts of the world which the Turks require.

The British are also buying an even-increasing quantity of Turkish products (olive oil, mohair, oil-seeds) including many which would be of great value to the enemy.

Anglo-American cooperation is also playing an increasing part in furthering Turkey's trade collaboration with the Democracies.

All Turkey's rubber and motor tyres now come from Allied or American sources as well as her hides, petrol, tin, copper and sulphates. All Turkish chrome (a notable German deficiency) is now taken by the U.S.A.

Since the German attack on Russia, Turkey's oil from Rumania has been interrupted and the Democracies have been responsible for supplying Turkish requirements.

Much of this trade is carried on in Turkish ships of which good numbers continue to sail to Egypt in spite of Italian attempts to sink them.

Britain views with equanimity the continuance of certain exchanges between Turkey and Axis-occupied countries as it is uneconomic for Britain to supply certain goods essential to the maintenance of Turkish economy—the objective of British policy towards Turkey—British Wireless.

2-PLANE RESCUE IN AIR

Two U.S. Navy Air Corps men were reported to the Navy Department in Washington on the ground that their thrilling mid-air rescue of a comrade was unorthodox and illegal.

And the Secretary, Colonel Frank Knox, has just recommended them for decorations!

This is how it happened.

Lieutenant Walter Osipoff leaped by parachute from a transport plane a mile and a half above San Diego, California, and was held hanging just beneath the undercarriage when the chute cords tangled.

Officers' Dilemma

Fellow officers in the plane tried to pull him back, but could not. Nor could they land, without killing Osipoff.

Watchers on the naval airfield saw their plight. Two of them ran to a tiny, open plane.

With Lieutenant Osipoff dangling helplessly beneath it, the transport plane flew over the sea where the air was smoother. The open plane followed, one of its occupants brandishing a knife ready to slash at Osipoff's parachute.

Slashed At Cords

Skilfully, the pilots manoeuvred their planes, one flying just below the other, until Osipoff was in a position to slip into the open rear-cockpit of the lower machine. Then the man with the knife desperately slashed at the parachute cords that still held Osipoff while the pilot turned the nose of his machine slightly upwards so that the propellers cut some of the cords.

Five seconds work—and Osipoff was free. The planes parted company. Osipoff fainted.

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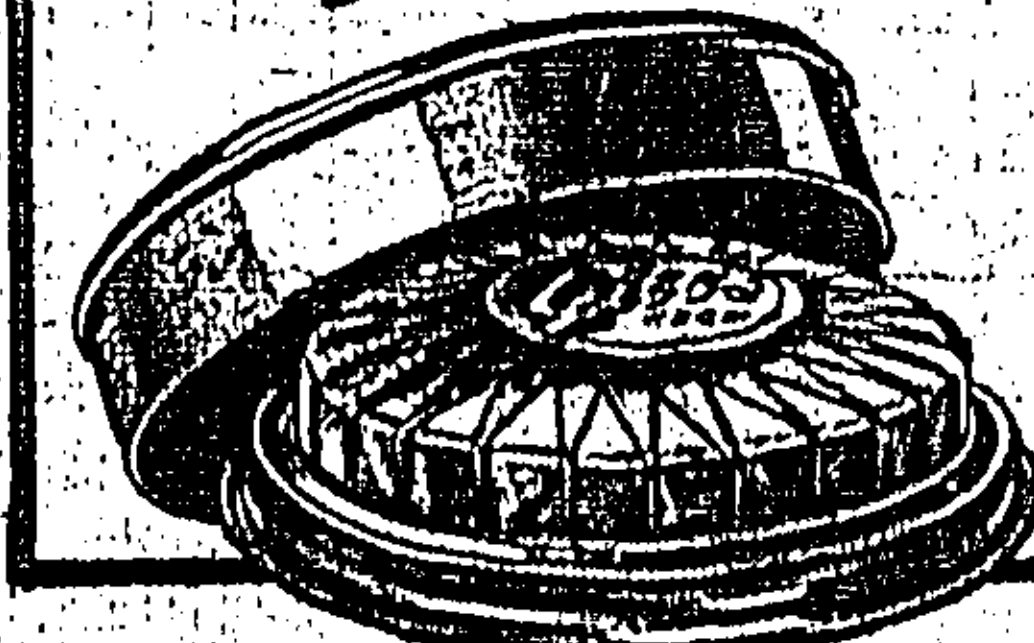
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A Public Meeting will be held in the Rose Room, Peninsula Hotel, on **THURSDAY, 28th August, at 6 p.m.** Husbands, relatives of evacuees and all interested are invited to attend.

(sd) W. V. TAYLOR,

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Hong Kong, 26th August, 1941.

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BRIDGE NOTES

READING THE BIDDING

By The Four Aces

"Please tell us," requests a Miami reader, "how this slam should have been bid?"

North, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH

♠ A K J 4
♥ A K 9 6 3
♦ 5
♣ K 9 8

WEST

♠ 10 9 6 5
♥ J 2
♦ K Q J 6 2
♣ 5 4

EAST

♠ 8 7 2
♥ 10 7 5 4
♦ A 9 8 4
♣ 7 2

SOUTH

♠ Q 3
♥ Q 8
♦ 10 7 3
♣ A Q J 10 6 3

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

"North didn't see how he could bid any more; after all, he had made a reverse bid, followed by a jump raise of South's suit. And South was reluctant to bid the Slam with three small diamonds, especially since a diamond opening lead was practically a certainty. Please advise us how we should have bid it."

We agree that North couldn't bid any more, since North had to stretch a bit to find a reverse bid and the jump raise in clubs. But South should have bid the slam without hesitation. Reading the bidding would have told South that North had no more than one diamond!

When North opened the bidding in hearts and later bid spades, he made the positive statement that he held more hearts than spades. The reverse should have told South that North had not only a strong hand but also five hearts and four spades. The jump raise in clubs had to be based on a three-card club holding, so North's three bids accounted for twelve of his thirteen cards. The thirteenth card might be a diamond (or North might have an extra club or heart) — but there could be only one diamond in the North hand.

South could therefore have known that North held at least two Aces and a King in the major suits plus the King of clubs and only one diamond at most. In combination with the South hand, that dummy would obviously offer either a cinch or a good play for twelve tricks.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ A K 10 9 7 6
♥ A 9 4
♦ K 10 4 2
♣ —

The bidding:

Jacoby	You	Mator	Schenken
1♠	(?)		

ANSWER: Double. This is a takeout double and requires your partner to bid his longest suit. A jump to two spades would be almost as good, but you must make one of these strong bids to show your strength.

Score 100% for double, 80% for two spades, 30% for one spade.

Question No. 806

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby	You	Mator	Schenken
1♠	Dbl.	Pass	2♥
Pass	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

DEAD WIFE: GIRL

ON THEFT CHARGE

Charged with stealing two furs, £15, an identity card and a marriage certificate belonging to Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson, Czech wife of a British officer, who died in a Birmingham hospital after being taken ill in a Birmingham hotel, Anna Maud Barbara Lea, 20, Wheelways Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, was remanded at Birmingham.

The thefts were alleged to have taken place in the Stork Hotel, Birmingham.

Mrs. Wilson had given her address as the Greyhound Hotel, Abergavenny, Mon.

R.A.F. HAVOC IN COLOGNE

Reports have now reached London from Germany of the great destruction which R.A.F. attacks have caused in the important industrial and transport centre of Cologne.

Tuesday night's heavy raid on Cologne certainly added to this destruction.

This month it was noticed that for the first time German newspapers and the German censorship were forced to reveal something of the destruction caused in the city by recent attacks.

Theatres which had advertised future programmes suddenly cancelled them, alternative methods of travel were advertised and there were many notices of offices transferred to new addresses.

From various reliable sources it is now learned that the Sinfal district, in the south of the city near the Rhine harbour, was without gas or water for a week.

On one night in July at least 100 goods wagons were destroyed and many trucks and carriages were still burning in the morning. Several warehouses of the Rhine Shipping Company were burnt out or badly damaged.

On the same night in July over 500 houses in the industrial quarters were demolished.

A few nights later great damage was done to the main railway station and adjoining buildings. In another attack the railway yard was so effectively bombed that later reconnaissance showed that no sorting was in progress in the yard, with a capacity of 6,000 wagons daily, and the main artery for traffic southwards from Cologne was effectively cut. — British Wireless.

ITALY'S LOSS IN SARDINIA

CORK IS A VALUABLE COMMERCIAL COMMODITY AND THE DESTRUCTION OF A FOREST IN SARDINIA IS QUITE A MATERIAL LOSS TO NAZI INDUSTRY.

Although cork produced in that island is inferior in quality to the product of Portugal and Spain, where the world's main supply comes from, the Sardinia article has a high value for Germany at the present moment.

Owing to its extreme lightness cork is very uneconomical to transport by land. This makes it difficult for Germany to obtain sufficient for her requirements over the long congested railways which connect her with Spain and Portugal.

Other sources of supply are therefore being exploited to the full and have assumed an importance out of proportion to their actual volume of production.

Considerable quantities of cork are used for insulating purposes in cold storage plants which Germany, like other belligerents, is actively trying to extend so as to increase food reserves.

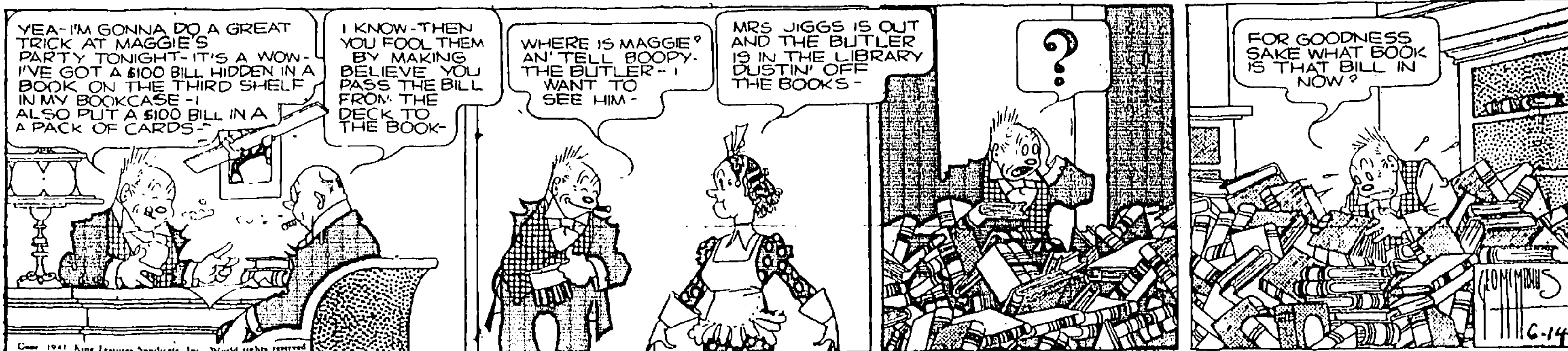
Cork is also required for items such as washers, gaskets and friction linings, particularly in aeroplanes, where its lightness is obviously valuable. — British Wireless.

RAZOR BLADES IN SOCKS

Four hundred razor blades were found in the socks of a man fined £5 at East Ham for unlawfully possessing 500 razor blades and fourteen bottles of perfume at a London dock.

Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

TOMATO JUICE—a great hot day Refresher

Dorothy Greig

WHEN you drop in to see a certain friend of mine on a hot day, the first thing she does is hand you a tall frosty glass of tomato juice.

Mary gives everyone tomato juice—cold, lively and tangy right from cans kept chilling in her refrigerator. Her children, coming in hot and thirsty get it. And Mr. Jiggs, I declare she makes him at the end of the evening with a glass of it for him in her hand.



"There's nothing to equal tomato juice as a real pecker up," she says cheerfully. She's right, of course. Besides, tomato juice is one drink appropriate for any meal and for serving any time of day or night.

Tomato juice is refreshing, too, any way you take it—fresh and cold as it pours from the can, or mixed as a cocktail. For instance, here are two delicious hot weather cocktails:

Tomato-Vegetable Cocktail

1 can (14 oz.) tomato juice
1 tablespoon watercress, finely chopped
1 teaspoon chives, finely chopped
1 tablespoon lime juice
1 teaspoon sugar
1 pinch of salt

Remove watercress leaves from stems and chop very fine. Combine tomato juice, chopped watercress, chopped chives, lime juice, sugar and salt. Mix thoroughly and chill. Makes 2 glassesful.

Tomato-Grapefruit Juice Cocktail

1 can (14 oz.) tomato juice
1/2 cup grapefruit juice (unsweetened)
1 teaspoon sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
Mix the tomato juice, grapefruit juice, sugar and salt. Chill and serve. Makes 2 glassesful.



The mentally sketchy girlfriend thinks when her beau says he's been riding the crest of the tide he means he's taken up sailing.

He Likes to Be Asked

One of the great mistakes that wives make in dealing with their husbands is in not considering the pride of man in being a man.

If a wife will defer to her husband's pride in being the head of the house, and minister to it, she may do whatsoever she will. For he hasn't the slightest desire to be a grinding tyrant. All he wants is a little meekness before him.

Ninety-nine times out of a hundred, when a wife asks her husband's advice about whether she shall have the living room in pink or green, he tells her to do what she wants to do.

He doesn't care, but he wants to be consulted. He likes the little gesture of subservience, and

it is a small price to pay for a good husband.

Middle-aged women are often waiting about having lost their husbands' love.

This happens because the wife has trampled her husband's pride into the dust.

All of us know wives who haven't even the decency to save their husbands' faces by doing their tyrannising in private.

It is always "my" house, "my" car, even "my" children. And she orders the meals at restaurants, without reference to her husband's taste. She tells him where to sit, and generally treats him like a half-witted office boy.

We also know plenty of other wives who do not hesitate to criticize their husbands and ridicule all of their peculiarities.

They will tell perfect strangers that John had few advantages of education in his youth, or that he drinks too much, or that he just doesn't seem to have any faculty for getting along in the world.

Can you wonder that a man's pride is cut to the quick in knowing that his wife considers him a failure or that she is ashamed of him because he hasn't Mayfair table manners or a vocabulary like an Oxford professor?

man-to-be bounce upon her without much ceremony and drag her to a corner of the garden, where a dozen buckets of cold water are ready in a row.

Before she can move, bucket number one has soaked her, and so it goes on until all her starched petticoats are nothing but sadly hanging rags.

But to show that her ardour and devotion have not been cooled, she rushes back to the house to prepare a lusty meal for the men-folk, for which she is allowed to change into dry clothes.

Love Under The Axis

To please a man these days, a girl must have the beauty of Helen of Troy, the riches of the Queen of Sheba and the affluence of Cleopatra. But in Rumania she must possess one more quality to get her man, she must be—chill-proof!

In some parts of the country Miss Rumania is "watered" during the time of wooing, just like the flowers in her garden.

In early spring the groom arrives with a couple of stout friends and starts the ceremony.

The young woman does not put in an appearance before she has donned two dozen of her rainbow-coloured petticoats, in the vain hope that this might keep off the worst of the cold shower that awaits her.

When she comes forth eventually the stout friends of her

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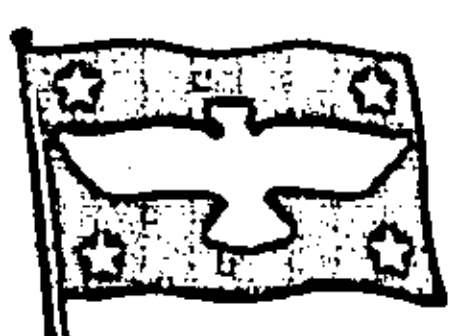
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Humorous and Instrumental Variety.

Humorous Sketch—Sandy, The Dentist (Thomson-Powell) ... Sandy Powell.

Organ—Dixon Hits, No. 10—Intro: After All These Years; Roses in December; That Old Feeling; Silvery Moon & Golden Sands; Whistling Gipsy; Blossoms on Broadway ... Reginald Dixon.

Comedienne—Women in Love (Rutherford & Wilcock) ... Doris Palmer with Piano.

Guitar—Feeling My Way; Pickin' My Way (Lang & Kress) ... Eddie Lang with Carl Kress (Guitar).

Impressions—A Duck Entering Water; An Old Ford Car; Sir Malcolm Campbell's Blue Bird; Howling Dog; A Train Load of Cattle; Sounds in an Airport; An Express Train; A Baby; London Underground; A Chicken ... Freddy Dosh.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Magyar Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Band.

Cockchafer; Yellow Cockchafer; Bihari's Lament (Bihari); Pale Yellow Rose; I Love You Beautiful Lady (Jeno Sandor); O Sole Mio (Di Capua); La Paloma (Yradier).

1.18 p.m.—Songs by Tino Rossi (Tenor). Bella Ragazza; Loin Des Guitares (Vincent Scotto); 'Est A Capri; Tango Chante (Will Grosz); Le Chaland Du Passe Valse Chante (C. A. Bixio).

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—A Sibelius Programme. Romance, Op. 24 No. 9 ... Eileen Joyce (Piano solo).

Symphonic Poem "Night-Ride & Sunrise", Op. 55 The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra.

Humoresque IV, Henri Temianka (Violin) and The Temianka Chamber Orchestra.

King Christian Suite—Musette; Berceuse Royal Opera House Orchestra, Stockholm.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Essie Ackland (Contralto) and The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra. "Masaniello" Overture (Auber) ... The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra.

Here In The Quiet Hills (Carnegie); Whatever Is, Is Best (Lohr) ... Essie Ackland with Orchestra.

Marche Slave, Op. 31 (Tchaikovsky) ... The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra.

Song Of Sleep (Somerset) ... Essie Ackland with Orchestra.

Menuetto and Trio (3rd Mov. from Symphony No. 1 in C Major, Op. 21—Beethoven) ... The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra.

7.20 p.m.—Rachmaninoff—Concerto No. 3 in D Minor, Op. 30.

1st Mov. Allegro; 2nd Mov. Intermezzo; Adagio; 3rd Mov. Allegro ... Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) & The Philadelphia Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—The London Piano-Accordion Band and Les Allen (Vocal).

One Night in Monte Carlo (Silver, Sherman & Lewis); There'll Never Be Another You (Harry Woods) ... The London Piano-Accordion Band.

Dear Little Boy Of Mine (Brennan & Ball) ... Les Allen with Sidney Torch (Organ).

An Old Hawaiian Guitar (Leon & Towers); On The Beach At Ball-Ball (Sherwin, Silver & Meskill) ... The London Piano-Accordion Band.

Seein' Is Believin' (Adams & Ager); Rehearsing A Lullaby (Sigler, Goodhart, Hoffman) ... Les Allen with Carroll Gibbons (Piano) & his Boy Friends.

Let The Curtain Come Down (Newman) ... The London Piano-Accordion Band.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Studio—"To-night We Present". A Review of New Records.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Concert Waltzes. Flattergeister (Fickle Fancy); Delirien (Jos. Strauss, arr. Hohnke) ... Orchestra Mascotte.

Blossom Dreams ... Orchestra Mascotte.

Hydropathen Waltz (Jos. Gungl) ... Vienna Boheme Orchestra.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Dance Music. Slow Fox-Trot—Chez-Moi; Quick-Step—Ahgry ... Oscar Rabin & his Strict Tempo Dance Band.

Fox-Trot—Song Of The Wanderer (Where Shall I Go?); South Rampart Street Parade ... Bob Crosby & his Orchestra.

Tangos—Elegante Papirusa; Malinconia ... Bernardo Alemany & his Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Bouncing The Black-out ... Barney Bibrath & his Coconut Grove Quartet.

Fox-Trot—I'm Spending Christmas With The Old Folks; Slow Fox-Trot—There'll Come Another Day ... Sydney Lipton & his Grosvenor House Dance Orchestra.

Swing Fox-Trot—Don't Fall Asleep ... Artie Shaw & his New Orch.

Fox-Trot—A New Moon And An Old Serenade; Waltz—The Shabby Old Caddy ... Billy Cotton & his Band.

Fox-Trot—You Never Miss The Old Faces (Till You're Far Away From Home); Quick-Step—It's A Lovely Day To-morrow ... Jack Hylton & his Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—London—"War Correspondents".

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

HERO TO SEE THE KING FOR 2nd TIME

"OH, NORMAN, if only you could get another decoration so that we could go to see the King again," said Mrs. Nancy Jaeger, mother of stretcher party leader Norman Jaeger, of Lambeth, London, S.E., as they left Buckingham Palace last February. Norman had just received the British Empire Medal.

Norman smiled. "Not much chance of that," he said. He was wrong. For soon King George will pin on a bar to the medal on Norman's chest. And mother will be there. Norman Jaeger is the first man to win a bar to the B.E.M.

As with the original award, he won it for heroism in rescuing trapped air-raid victims.

For nine hours he toiled with other A.R.P. workers to free men and women in the basement of a bombed lodging-house crawling through a tunnel made in the debris.

"It was a tricky job but I didn't do more than the other chaps," said Norman Jaeger to the "Daily Mirror."

"We expected the place to collapse at any moment. But you don't think of things like that at the time. It's only afterwards you think what a damn fool you've been!"

"It Can't Be Real"

Norman's mother said: "I'm not brave myself. I hate the noise of the guns."

"It's wonderful to think I may see the King again," she said. "Going to the Palace is like walking into a painting—you think it can't be real."

Norman's companions in the rescue were Dr. Harold Glyn-Jones, of the American Mobile Unit, who receives the M.B.E., and Mr. Wilfred John Clarke, Lambeth stretcher-bearer sergeant, who gets the British Empire Medal.

Grade Four—Wins G.M.

Army doctors classed him Grade IV in health, unfit for war service. But he turned out Grade One in courage, and he has learned that he had won the George Medal for heroism in an air raid.

He is Thomas Denholm, 29, a docker, who lives with his wife and three children in Carnoustie Street, Glasgow.

His daring rescue of three women and a man from the upper floors of a blitzed building was made during a heavy air raid on Clydeside.

Denholm chuckled when he got the official announcement of his award. "The Army turned me down as unfit," he said. "Now they will be wanting to send me my papers all over again."

HOW THEY "USE THE TOOLS"

Civilian workers at an R.A.F. maintenance unit miles from the nearest town had a "red letter" day recently when two D.F.C. fighter pilots visited them and talked of their combats with the Hun.

One of the pilots told the workers that his Spitfire was damaged when on the ground and needed a new wing and undercarriage and other parts. The maintenance units carried out the work quickly enough to enable him a few hours later to go over Holland and "do a little job". What he did not tell his hearers was that that "little job" gained him the D.F.C. he was wearing. It resulted in the destruction of two Hun bombers.

The other visitor, whose D.F.C. has a bar to it, was a night fighting pilot who had been destroying Huns at the rate of two a night. He has ten "certainties" to his name. He told how his machine was badly shot up but he managed to land it and, in the twinkling of an eye, almost, the new parts were there and fitted and he was in the air again.

R.A.F.'S GREATEST FISHERMAN

As far back as the oldest stomach in a desert squadron of the R.A.F. could remember, it had had nothing in the way of food that had not come out of a tin. But, close at hand, the blue Mediterranean lapped the sands of the North African coast. With a sudden flash of insight, one or two of the more astute minds grasped the fact that this blue water, Mussolini's very own Mare Nostrum, could solve the problem of gastro-nomic monotony.

Fish! Lashing, of fish, on the doorstep so to speak. Grilled soles for breakfast. Lobsters for lunch. Herring, cod, turbot, prawns—maybe even a caviar-stuffed sturgeon and an occasional turtle for the soup. All they had to do was to get a few lines and pull the fish out of the sea.

They got the lines, made hooks, opened tins for bait and fished assiduously, with watering teeth, for hours on end. The fish sniffed at the bait, sneered and swam off.

It was therefore somewhat tough on the fish that an R.A.F. V.R. Officer, a one-time Kenya gold miner, was working nearby, blasting trenches out of the rock with H.E. "Fish?" he said, "I'll get you some fish."

Next day he was seen walking down to the beach with a number of beer bottles in his hand and a posse of stout swimmers at his heels. The bottles contained H.E. and fuses. Shortly afterwards there was a dull rumble, the sea heaved slightly, the swimmers plunged in and returned with shoals of stunned fish in their arms.

There was fresh fish for everybody that night. The toast in the Mess was:

"To the greatest fisherman the R.A.F. has ever known."

PHONE GIRLS HAVE DAY BLACK-OUT

Many of the 500 telephone girls at the Birmingham Exchange—the biggest in the country—complain they are losing their complexions because their room is blacked-out day and night.

In one day over ten girls reported "sick."

"We never see the sun," one girl told the "Daily Mirror". "We do an eight-hour shift and sometimes longer. The blinds always remain drawn."

"We have to sit under blazing arc lamps all day. Last week one blind was pulled up for a short while and it was so strange to see light coming in that it temporarily 'blinded' me."

"It would be easy for someone to go round in the morning and pull up all the blinds, but apparently the heads here think they must be too busy to do this."

GRID COACHES INVENTED BLITZ

AMERICA'S FOOTBALL COACHES, SAYS ONE OF THEM, WOULD KNOW HOW TO STOP A BLITZKRIEG—BECAUSE THEY INVENTED IT!

"Those fellows in Europe are just doing what we've been doing for years," declared Tulane's coach Red Dawson, sitting before an electric fan in his office.

He diagrammed tactics used in the Russo-German war, and compared them with plays he was outlining for his own autumn campaign.

War Of Position

"Football used to be a 'war of position,'" he said, "but changed to a 'war of movement' before you ever heard of a blitzkrieg. Teams used to lock horns and push until one of them would get a small lead, then would dig in to protect itself until the game wore out.

"Now it's all attack get the ball, keep it, keep scoring."

"Instead of just pushing ahead you concentrate for a quick break-through, and follow that up. You use tricks and cross-blocks to flow around points of strong resistance. Your downfield blockers operate just as the advancing units of panzer divisions."

Passes To Surprise

"Passes were used before the Luftwaffe to surprise an enemy and soften up his ground resistance. Armies, which used to mass forces for weeks at one point and then push ahead through sheer might, now strike suddenly anywhere like a deceptive football team."

Dawson compared the new "defence in depth" military theories to the five-man football line, with most of the strength in the secondary but ready to "come in and hit anywhere."

"The Russians have destroyed a lot of tanks by letting them get through and then hitting them from the side or rear," he continued. "That's just a football mousetrap."

Football Schedule

"Even their plans of campaign look like some teams' football schedules. The Germans took on a lot of small countries first before tackling the big ones."

"The Kaiser's men were supposed to have learned things about supply and encampment from American circuses."

"Y" BEAT M'SEX. "A"

Results of matches in the European Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water Polo Tournament at the "Y" Pool last night were:

Y.M.C.A. "A"	Middlesex "A"	2
R. Goldman and N. D. Booker	Blinden (2)	
Signals	Middlesex "B"	0
Allen (2) and Dignan (2)		
Navy "B"	965th Batt., R.A.	0
Rutter (2), Thompson and Barnett		

TO-NIGHT'S GAMES

Following is to-night's water-polo programme in the European Y.M.C.A. Invitation Tournament:

Royal Navy "B" v Combined S. Units (5 p.m.)	
Royal Navy "C" v 36th R.A. (5.30 p.m.)	
At Army Pool	
8th R.A. v European Y.M.C.A. (6.30 p.m.)	
Royal Scots "A" v Royal Scots "B" (7 p.m.)	
6th A.A. v 965th R.A. (7.30 p.m.)	

McNEILL WINS

Don McNeill, the defending champion, defeated Ted Schroeder in straight sets to win the 25th Newport Casino Invitational Tennis Tournament at Newport, R.I., on August 16. The scores were: 6-4; 6-4; 6-4.

Ben Sheridan, the half-back who out-charged, outmanoeuvred and outflanked Notre Dame opponents, from 1937 through 1939, is a private of the cavalry at Fort Riley, Kansas.

Mel Hein, pro football's veteran centre, has signed for his 11th season with the New York Giants. Hein, who has been all-league centre for eight years will have a couple of battles this coming autumn, the Giants having signed both Chet Gladush, Boston College's 240-pound All-American Pivot of last year, and Lou de Filippo, Fordham's great captain and centre.

U.S. AMATEUR

HIGH WIND PRODUCES HIGH SCORING

Play became much more difficult in the American Amateur Golf Championship yesterday owing to a high wind and, though Stewart Alexander increased his first-round score by 10 strokes for an aggregate of 144, he led the field of 64 match play qualifiers by a stroke from John Burke.

Johnny Goodman, title-holder, tied for 10th place with 152, but the scoring does not really matter as the championship will now be continued by match play.

Marvin Ward and Johnny Goodman, each 148, followed Burke. Elsworth Vines, famous tennis player, continued to show he is a golfer commanding respect by finishing high with an aggregate of 150. Charles Yates, now an army private, who won the British Championship a few years ago, finished with 154 and easily qualified. Reuter.

SHANGHAI CRICKET

Scratch teams, representing Shanghai Cricket Club and Shanghai Recreation Club, engaged in a friendly cricket match on the former's ground last week, and just as the home team appeared well set for an easy win, rain interfered.

Batting first Rees were dismissed for 139 of which E. J. Kidby claimed 35 and M. U. Mohideen 27. L. M. Wilson was in deadly form with the ball taking 6 for 36 in 11.1 overs. Cricket Club had scored 83 for 3 when a heavy downpour prevented further play. E. A. Wiedman, 24 not out, being top-scorer with A. J. Harvey helping with 23. E. B. Brodd took 2 of the 3 Club wickets that fell for 26 runs.

The alterations to the clubhouse at Craigenower Cricket Club having been completed, members are now finding the "lay-out" of the building much more convenient. The billiard room has been brought down from the first floor to where the bar used to be, while this very important part of any club is in the former ladies' room position. Even the telephone has been moved, this now being on the verandah.

FOOTBALL HELMETS IN ARMY

Those Martian looking football headgears which Northwestern University's football team introduced last autumn have been adopted by the United States Army for the use of parachute troops in training at Fort Benning, Ga. John T. Riddell, former football coach at Evanston High School, who invented the helmets, has already supplied the troops with many of the new headgears.

The helmets are made of a tough plastic called tenite. While stronger than the former leather headgears, they are much lighter. By employing a system of headbands which suspend the helmet around the wearer's head, they provide greater safety and greater ventilation. It was this latter factor which proved popular with the Wildcat players.

The helmets came to the attention of the Army when they were placed on display in a Georgia sporting goods house. An Army parachute troop officer was attracted by the durability of the headpiece and the device which kept the helmet "off the head" of the wearer. By making a few alterations, such as shortening the ear guards and attaching leather "curtains" at the front and rear, the parachute helmet was born.

Riddell, who turned out a string of championship eleven at Evanston High School in the early 20's, has been responsible for numerous innovations in football equipment. Early in his coaching career he began experimenting with removable, or interchangeable, football cleats. At that time wood cleats were nailed onto the shoes. The nails sometimes caused difficulty and the shoes were rarely good for more than one season.

One year Riddell bought football shoes without cleats and equipped them

SOVIET SECRECY

Asked whether any naval aid is being prepared for Russia, the U.S. Secretary of Navy, Col. Frank Knox, replied at a press conference in Washington yesterday, that he had nothing in mind.

He replied negatively to questions as to whether he planned to send a naval officer to the forthcoming Moscow talks, or an additional Naval Attaché to the Moscow Embassy.

As regards the war in Russia, Col. Knox said that the Government had made repeated futile requests to be allowed to send American observers to the fighting zone.

"I WISH YOU FELLOWS WOULD TRY TO WORK ON JOE STALIN TO GET SOME OBSERVERS TO THE FRONT," HE CONCLUDED.—REUTER.

SHE WANTS TO BE AN A.A. BOY

Rose Waltho, 24, of Stafford, has been chosen as the star gun-girl of the A.T.S. in the Midlands.

Her ambition, she says, is to get a job with the Ack Ack boys and be an anti-aircraft gunner.

At an exhibition of women's war services in Birmingham Rose demonstrated how she could strip, clean and assemble in regulation time the latest types of gun used in the Army.

"I have been in the A.T.S. for nine months," Rose told the Daily Mirror. "At first I was in the sports section at an Army unit, but issuing sports gear all day was far too tame for me. So I went into our Armoury and a sergeant-armourer has taught me all I know about guns."

"I can now strip, adjust and assemble the Hotchkiss gun, Browning machine-gun, Bren gun, anti-tank rifle, Tommy-gun and Lewis gun, and I know all about rifles."

"I am afraid I have no time for boy friends," Rose said. "All my time is taken up studying guns. It is a very responsible job. A little slip in putting together a gun might mean a jam, and death to the gunner."

'DOWN TO SEA' AS D.F.C. AWAITED

"He was last seen going down towards the sea," Flight-Lieutenant J. W. E. Davies, air hero of whom that was stated a year ago when the King was unable to honour him, is among 104 R.A.F. officers reported presumed killed in action.

Three hours before he was to receive the D.F.C. Flight-Lieutenant Davies was ordered out on patrol over the Channel. He never came back and when the King arrived at the air station to decorate a group of officers he came to a vacant place.

THEY MAY MARRY AT 12

Girls of twelve are permitted to marry in four American States, and boys of fourteen are allowed to take a wife in seven States, a survey discloses.

SCHOOLS AS NURSERIES

Britain's eighty-six nursery schools are to be taken over as nursery centres and day nurseries.

This is involved in the transfer of the care of all children aged from one to five—between 4,000,000 and 5,000,000 of them—from the Board of Education to the Health Ministry, details of which are being sent to all local authorities.

Proper Teachers

"If the scheme is properly done, the nation will get all the women needed for work in war industries without any difficulty," said Dr. Barnett Stross, prospective Parliamentary candidate for Hanley, Staffs, at the Labour Party conference in London.

"Proper mothering for a child whose mother is on war work cannot be provided by nurses, or doctors or matrons."

"I am fighting for the appointment of proper teachers and those skilled in the care of children."

R.A.F. PILOT GETS D.S.O.

Amongst the latest list of R.A.F. awards is that of a bar to the D.S.O. gained by Group Captain Francis Beamish who, between October, 1940 and March, 1941, carried out 71 operational sorties.

Official notice of the award states that "the courage and devotion to duty displayed by Group Captain Beamish are of the highest order and he has set a magnificent example."

Beamish, who was born in Cork, entered the R.A.F. in 1925 and gained the A.F.C. in 1938. He was awarded the D.S.O. in July, 1940, and the D.F.C. in November, 1940.—British Wireless.

POLISH PILOT'S DUCK MASCOT

A superstitious Polish Sgt.-Pilot, seeking a mascot, saw an Aylesbury duck swimming on a pond at an airport where he was stationed. To him the duck meant luck, and though it belonged to a police-constable he took it away with him. The pilot, who recently shot down a German plane, was charged with stealing the duck, which was valued at 12s. The constable told the Bench: "I do not think he wanted the duck as food. I really think that he took it away for a mascot." An officer who acted as the sergeant's interpreter said that Polish airmen were very superstitious and liked mascots. He did not think that the sergeant intended to steal the duck, the case was dismissed on payment of 5s costs, which one of the magistrates offered to pay "in view of the fact that he shot down a German plane."

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7TH BATTERY, R.A.

Gnr. F. Baker, Capt. A. R. N. Barker, Bdr. Barracough, Gnr. Barshy, Gnr. Berkeley, Gnr. Bugginton, Gnr. Clarke, Gnr. Clegg, Gnr. J. Craven, Gnr. L. Dobbinson, Bdr. Dodd, Gnr. Johnston, L/Bdr Kew, Gnr. Lawton, Gnr. Leach, Gnr. Magonia, Gnr. McCadden, Gnr. McCamley, Gnr. McEwan, Gnr. Mulhgan, L/Bdr O'Hara, Lieut. T. A. Pearce, Gnr. Raftery, Gnr. Saunders, Gnr. Seidlitz, Gnr. Taylor, Gnr. H. Taylor, Gnr. Thompson, Gnr. Turner and Gnr. Willis.

20TH BATTERY, R.A.

Gnr. Baxter, Gnr. Burtis, Gnr. Burrows, Gnr. Butts, L/Bdr Cross, Gnr. Dickenson, Gnr. Hall, L/Bdr Ho Sun, Gnr. J. Maher, L/Bdr Pearce, BSM Radford, Gnr. Rogers, Gnr. Seabrook, Gnr. Smith, Gnr. Tsang Suk-hong, Gnr. Walker and Gnr. Yee Fook.

30TH BATTERY, R.A.

Gnr. Bennison, Gnr. Brain, Bdr Casey, Gnr. Chapman, BQM.S. Chapple, L/Bdr Calthorpe, Gnr. Creed, Gnr. Glistler, Gnr. Hemmingfield, Gnr. Isaacs, Gnr. Jordan, Gnr. MacMenamin, L/Bdr Maynard, Gnr. Priestley, Bdr Stone, Gnr. Tate, Gnr. Thomas, Gnr. Thrush, Gnr. Webster, Gnr. Woodbridge and Lieut. Yeatman.

Registrations have still to be received from 95th R.A., 30th R.A., 5th R.A. and 12th R.A.

REFEREES' CLASS

The fourth of the series of lectures on Soccer Laws—Law No. 11, Offside—will be delivered by Staff Sergeant W. H. Foster, Army Representative of Hong Kong Football Referees' Association, this evening at 7 p.m. at Scandal Point Hall.

CORRESPONDENCE

Sir—To settle an argument, will you please tell me when the first Interport cricket match between Hong Kong and Shanghai was played and the result of the game?

INTERESTED.
The first Hong Kong v. Shanghai match was played in Hong Kong, on February 7, 1866, when the Colony won by an innings and 264 runs. Hong Kong batted first and scored 430 (R. D. Starkey 99, T. Clifford 71, "Extras" 50). Shanghai were all out for 107 in the first innings and in the follow-on scored only 59 runs (D. Welsh 38). No bowling analysis was recorded. Sports Ed.

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To enable personnel to keep fit during recreation hours, various sports are included in the curriculum of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force. Perhaps one of the most popular sports among members is cricket, and our photograph here shows the result of a "cow" shot—well and truly bowled—during a game with the W.A.A.F. (Copyright, Fox Photos).

HOGAN IS CHALLENGING SNEAD'S PURSE RECORD

THREE YEARS AGO SAM SNEAD, WEST VIRGINIA SLUGGER, SET A MONEY-WINNING RECORD AMONG PROFESSIONAL GOLFERS THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO STAND FOR A GOOD LONG WHILE.

NOMADS HOCKEY RUMOURS

There is a possibility that Nomads Hockey team will be losing some of their players this season, according to rumours in hockey circles, although Stephen Reed, captain of the team, says that he knows "nothing about any such thing as yet."

It is understood that three of the players will be throwing in their lot with Club de Recreo this Winter, but Reed added that even if that should be the case the team will not be affected in that they have some 18 players to draw upon for their team.

Nomads will be holding their annual meeting shortly and indications are that Reed will be re-elected captain of the team. They intend to play more hockey this season, taking advantage of the extra half-hour of daylight, than they did last season.

But that was before little Ben Hogan, whose method of par-busting is almost the opposite of Snead's, hit his hot streak.

Snead mowed everything down in sight that season and collected \$19,534.49 in tournament prize money. Now the 140-pound Texan, who plays out of Hershey, Pa., is after that record and stands a better than fair chance to set a new one.

Top Prize

Hogan hit the top prize in the Chicago Open, his 10-under-par 274 earning him \$1,200. This neat bundle of cash boosted his 1941 tourney cheques to \$11,517 and kept intact his record of having finished in the money in his last 51 meets.

Ben began his streak last year when he led the pros in money earned with \$10,655 and won the Vardon Trophy. This haul will be his again unless he slumps. He has 383 points in the Vardon race, a good lead over Craig Wood's 300 in second place.

Byron Nelson, who did not compete in the Chicago Open, is third with 270, followed by Snead, 249; Vic Ghezzi, 170; Clayton Heafner 158; and Lloyd Mangrum 149. Wood also is runner-up in money earned, the national Open champion having collected \$7,616. Snead has earned \$6,541; Nelson \$6,475; Johnny Bulla \$6,346; and Heafner \$5,155.

Proved Mettle

Hogan proved his mettle under fire at Chicago by outlasting Wood in a terrific stretch battle. The Open champion trailed by four strokes as they began the final nine. Wood picked up three shots in three holes with two birdies and a par while Hogan had two pars and a bogey. Then Ben finished with two birdies and four pars to protect his edge while Wood carded five pars and a birdie.

Wood's two last rounds of 67-67 left him with a total of 270, three strokes under defending champion Dick Metz of Chicago. Jim Ferrier, pro at the host Elmhurst Country Club was fourth with an even par 284 and Lloyd Mangrum finished fifth with 285. One stroke behind him was the low amateur, Marjo Gonzalez, of Rio de Janeiro, who was tied with Heafner, the Linville, N.C., slugger.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Only one tennis match, in Fourth Division of Lawn Tennis League, is scheduled for to-day, when Central British Association meet the Army Tennis Club at King's Park.

C.B.A.:—D. Smith and D. Tomashevsky; T. Gaubert and N. Smith; B. I. Blekford and N. Whitley.
A.T.C.:—S/Sgt. Ford and L/Cpl. Stoner; L/Cpl. Glassgow and Spr. Elsley; S/Sgt. Mitchell and Sgt. Musson.

Don McNeill, tennis star, is an applicant for a job in the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Courses for leaders of Physical Training and for games masters at schools are held at the Loughborough College, Leicestershire. Our photograph here shows a pole-vaulting class at work during a course at the college. (Copyright, Fox Photos.)



SHANGHAI FOOTBALL SEASON DESCRIBED AS "UNFORTUNATE"

"PERHAPS THE WORD 'UNFORTUNATE' IS BEST USED IN DESCRIBING THE 'SOCCER' SEASON OF 1940-1941," STATES THE ANNUAL REPORT OF SHANGHAI FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION, THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF WHICH IS ON SEPTEMBER 11.

"Unfortunately it was marred by a number of very unpleasant incidents during Association matches, culminating in a very serious riot at the Canidrome on March 15. Throughout the season many spectators showed themselves entirely lacking in an understanding of the Laws of the Game and, sometimes incited by the players, were inclined to express dissatisfaction very forcibly with whatever they considered 'unfair' to their particular side.

Every possible action was taken by the Association to counteract this hostile feeling, but, in spite of this, spectators finally became so unruly that a serious riot was precipitated at the Canidrome during a First Division match between Police and Tung Hwa teams.

"As a result of this riot, during which a number of persons were injured, damage was done to Canidrome property to the extent of \$9,605.60. This sum did not include the financial loss sustained by Le Champ de Courses Francais due to the cancellation of a scheduled dog race meeting for the same evening.

"Owing to repeated unruly actions on the part of spectators at Kiaochow Park the Executive Committee closed this ground to Association Football on February 6.

"Weather conditions were the best experienced for some time, there being only six occasions when fixtures had to be postponed, involving only 18 matches.

"Again, as in the past four seasons, the Council granted the Executive Committee full discretionary powers in the handling of all Association matters. It being felt that local conditions had not as yet reached that stage when the existing Rules and Laws of the Association could again operate.

An invitation was received from Hong Kong Football Association to send a team to that Port during the Spring Holidays (Chinese New Year), to participate in the usual Interport series. Unfortunately, owing to the impossibility of guaranteeing return passages, it was regrettably decided not to accept the invitation and Hong Kong was informed accordingly.

31 Warnings

On the disciplinary side nine clubs were cautioned regarding team-sheets, 14 owing to late arrivals and eight in connection with not supplying linesmen.

In Hong Kong little or no action has been taken in the past against delinquent Clubs, but the new rules passed at the last annual meeting demands that action be taken in future.

The Emergency Committee, in Shanghai had a busy season, 69 players receiving cautions for ungentlemanly conduct or for dangerous or rough play, while 44 players were suspended for varying periods during the season.

In Hong Kong only 11 cases of misconduct on the field were dealt with by the Emergency Committee.

At a General meeting of the S.F.A. Council it was decided that the sum of \$15,000, estimated expenses which would have been incurred had the Association sent a team to Hong Kong for the Interport, was distributed to Foreign and Chinese Charities.

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Kowloon Golf Club will be held this evening at the Clubhouse, Kowloon City, at 6 p.m.

ONE CHANGE IN H.K.C.C. BOWLS TEAM

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB ARE MAKING ONLY ONE CHANGE IN THEIR SECOND DIVISION LAWN BOWLS TEAM FOR THIS WEEK-END. ABRAHAM, WHO SKIPPED A THIRD DIVISION RINK LAST WEEK, COMES IN AS NO. 3 TO GOODWIN IN PLACE OF HAMILTON.

The vacancy thus caused in the Third Division will be filled by Nissim, who will have the same rink as Abraham did last week—with one exception, Ryan, lead to Monaghan last week, will be No. 2 instead of Shigley, Ryan's place in Monaghan's rink will be taken by Lacom.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club are making two changes in their First Division "A" team. In Duncan's rink Meyer, from the "B", comes in as No. 2, and Levett, No. 2 last week, takes the place of McKelvie, who will skip the "B" rink led by Gill last week, Gill going up to No. 3 in place of Meyer.

There is just one change in the Third Division team, with Bicknell replacing Nash as lead to Jordan.

Hong Kong Football Club are making no changes at all in their two teams.

Selected Teams

Following are the selected teams:

HONG KONG C.C.

Second Division (v K.C.C., away):—S. L. Lloyd; G. Haigh, H. G. Wallington and G. E. Costello (skip); G. G. Altkenhead, T. R. Rowell, E. S. Abraham and F. Goodwin (skip); R. R. Davies, P. S. Cassidy, R. A. Edwards and A. W. Brown (skip).
Third Division (v I.R.C., home):—H. H. Beddow, L. E. N. Ryan, A. S. Mitchell and A. Nissim (skip); B. J. Lacom, W. R. Lambert, E. S. Doughty and T. C. Monaghan (skip); R. Young, E. W. Pudney, H. F. Shields and A. McKellar (skip).

HONG KONG F.C.

Second Division (v Talkoo, away, at 4 p.m.):—A. B. Coleman, J. D. Thomson, J. A. R. Selby and W. Gill (skip); A. Watson, J. Gelling, C. Needham and W. Macfarlane (skip); R. F. Shaw, C. B. Robertson, A. Brooksby and K. S. Robertson (skip).
Third Division (v Kowloon B.C.C., home, at 4 p.m.):—T. H. Pearce, C. G. Solis, B. J. Bickford and C. Carr, K. Sell (skip); A. Gratton, C. Carr, K. Forrow and G. S. Graver (skip); A. Bailey, J. Russell, S. Strange and J. Ralston (skip).

KOWLOON B.C.C.

First Division "A" (v Reersio, "B", home, at 4 p.m.):—L. Guy, C. W. Deacon, A. Hyde-Lay and M. H. Holland (skip); W. McNeill, H. White, B. Bower and A. J. Hall (skip); W. L. Walker, J. G. Meyer, E. Levett and R. Duncan (skip).
First Division "B" (v P.R.C., home, at 4 p.m.):—A. J. Rogers, V. C. Dixon, P. A. Peckham and L. Bykes (skip); R. P. Phillips, E. A. Atkins, J. C. Gill and J. McKelvie (skip); P. Holloway, C. W. Diphick, I. Newton and H. Lockhart (skip).

Third Division (v H.K.F.C., away, at 4 p.m.):—J. A. Fraser, Sir A. MacGregor, E. V. Searle and H. Nish (skip); W. M. Wilson, J. B. Dinnen, G. Thompson and C. Wallis (skip); H. Bicknell, S. C. Walker, C. D. Langley and L. A. Jordan (skip).

TSUI HANG EQUALS H.K. RECORD

Eastern beat Ching Wing Swimming Union by 15 points to 12 in an inter-club swimming contest at Chinese Y.M.C.A., last night, Tsui Hang, of Eastern, being again prominent when he equalled the Colony record of 24 4/5 seconds in the 50 Yards free-style event.



TSUI HANG

The record is at present held jointly by D. H. Taylor (1939) and Ng Nin (1940).

Following were the results:

Men's 120 Yards Medley Relay:—1. Eastern (Wong Sau-shan, Kwok Chun-hang and Tsui Hang), 2. Ching Wing (Yeung Yuk-wan, Chan King-ping and Law Yuk-wing) Time 1 min. 8-2/5 secs.

Ladies' 50 Yards free-style:—1. Miss Ng Po-ling (Eastern), 2. Miss Shum Pui (Eastern), 3. Miss Chan Chiu-ha (Ching Wing) Time 35-4/5 secs.

Men's 220 Yards breast-stroke:—1. Fung Wai-chung (Ching Wing), 2. Wong Lok-in (Eastern), 3. Wong Kar-man (Eastern) Time 3 mins. 3-3/5 secs.

Members' 100 Yards free-style:—1. Tam Sik-man, 2. Wong Ka-po, 3. Mak Wai-hing Time 71-1/5 secs.

Men's 50 Yards free-style:—1. Tsui Hang (Eastern), 2. Law Yuk-wing (Ching Wing), 3. Chan King-ping (Ching Wing) Time 24-4/5 secs.

Ladies' 100 Yards breast-stroke:—1. Miss Ng Shun-in (Eastern), 2. Miss Shum Wai-yung (Eastern), 3. Miss Chan Mei-chung (Ching Wing) Time 1 min. 35-4/5 secs.

Men's 100 Yards back-stroke:—1. Yeung Yuk-wan (Ching Wing), 2. Wong Sau-shan (Eastern), 3. Kwok Chun-hang (Eastern) Time 1 min. 17 secs.

Members' 50 Yards back-stroke:—Mak Wai-hing Time 40 secs.

Men's 220 Yards free-style:—1. Tai Yuk-mong (Eastern), 2. Yue Sik-kwan (Ching Wing), 3. Fung Wai-chung (Ching Wing) Time 2 mins. 52 secs.

Members' 220 Yards breast-stroke:—1. So Kwok-wing, 2. Tsang Wing-kee.

Members' 50 Yards free-style:—1. Tam Sik-man, 2. Wong Ka-po, 3. Chan Cheung-yung Time 30 secs.

V.R.C. HEATS

Following heats for the V.R.C. swimming Gala next Wednesday were decided yesterday:

Boys' 100 Yards free-style:—Heat No. 1: 1. H. Ribeiro, 2. I. Erickson. Heat No. 2: 1. J. Gomes, 2. J. Anderson, 3. J. Roza-Pereira.

Members' 50 Yards free-style:—Heat No. 1: 1. L. Vieira, 2. F. Vieira, 3. R. Sequeira. Heat No. 2: 1. N. Broadbridge, 2. F. M. Britto, 3. F. A. Noronha.

Ladies' 50 Yards free-style "B" Class:—Heat No. 1: 1. Miss M. Noronha, 2. Miss Y. Yelle. Heat No. 2: 1. Miss T. Yanovich, 2. Miss C. Yelle, 3. Miss V. Rull.

Boys' 100 Yards breast-stroke:—1. W. Ribeiro, 2. J. Roza-Pereira, 3. J. Gomes.

Further heats will be held this afternoon at 6 p.m.

FOREIGN Y.M.C.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Y.M.C.A. Swimming Championships will be continued to-night at 8 p.m. when the following will be the programme:

Men's 50 Yards Free-Style Final:—R. Goldman, D. Hutchinson, E. A. Roberts and G. Saunders.

100 Yards Breast-Stroke Final:—W. S. Gegg, W. B. Uro and D. Hutchinson.

50 Yards Back-Stroke Final:—B. S. Wilson, W. S. Gegg, F. Willis and E. A. Roberts.

Men's 440 Yards Free-Style Final:—A. F. May, L. A. Benn, D. Hutchinson.

LEEMANS SIGNS TO PLAY AGAIN WITH NEW YORK

Tuffy Leemans, who came up from George Washington University to become one of the most consistent groundgaining backs in professional football, has signed his 1941 contract with New York Giants in the National League.

Leemans, who has rolled up 2,626 yards for the Giants in five seasons, won All-League honours in 1936 and 1939.

LEAGUE CRICKET UNCERTAINTY

By "Incog."

It is about this time every year that we hear quite a good deal of discussion regarding prospects for the "approaching cricket season," but, due to Volunteer duties and one thing and another, interest seems to have lagged considerably this year.

Maybe it is because people are too occupied with other things to worry about cricket, but it does seem strange to have all the activity on the part of Football Association in regard to preparations for the 1941-42 season, while cricket—and hockey, for that matter—has been left to look after its own interests.

As a direct contrast to the policy of *laissez faire* adopted by the other clubs, however, University have been ultra-active, and they have already played two or three friendly games in preparation for what they hope will be a bumper year at Pokfulam. But one team does not make a season.

Last year we had considerable discussion regarding the desirability of suspending all League cricket matches for the duration, but, after the matter had been thrashed out, it was decided to carry on as usual and the League proved as successful as before.

Again this year there is still a number of cricketers—most of them, be it said, in the "has been stage"—who

keep on advocating suspension of the League, and unless some of our younger blood get down to it there is just the chance that there will be no League matches at all.

Enquiries as to when the Cricket League will hold its annual meeting

Petrol Rationing Makes

Race Tracks Slower

Unless the unexpected happens, few track records will be broken in Melbourne this Spring. Not only is the grass longer at Flemington nowadays, but the club ceased to brush and roll the track between races when the need to conserve petrol was first mentioned.

have elicited the information that it will come off "some time in September," though no definite date has yet been fixed. The majority of our cricketers, no doubt, are all for carrying on the League but if this is so why don't they do something about it?

"Volunteer duties" these days is used as an excuse for almost everything. Not so long ago I asked one of the Colony's most prominent players if he had had any ideas regarding prospects for the coming season, and the prompt reply was, "I've been so taken up with my Volunteer work that I've not had time to think about it at all." And that from a man who has led a club that has won the League more times than I can remember.

Anyway, the meeting must come off some time or another, and when it does I have it on good authority that should the question come up again as to the desirability of carrying on, the majority will "signify in the usual manner."

And in this connection here is a suggestion that might well merit some consideration by officials of the League. Too often in the past we have had games held up, a few minutes perhaps, by constant changing of umpires, necessitated by the fact that players have had to officiate in turn. Cannot some hard and fast rule be laid down that each team provide an umpire in addition to the 11 players and scorers?

Football Association appoint official referees for every game, and in official hockey matches there is never any lack of umpires, but with cricket it is rather the exception than the rule to see two umpires provided for any game. It is time this fault was remedied.

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CRISIS IN FRANCE

Anti-German Spirit Grows Rapidly Acute

RUSSIANS COUNTER-ATTACK ON DNEIPER

According to a Budapest message to the Vichy news agency last night the Russian troops have launched counter-attacks "with all their available forces" on the lower Dnieper River battlefield.

The Hungarians claim that so far all have been repulsed. — Reuter.

OIL TANKER POOL

THE OPERATION OF ALL AMERICAN TANKERS HAS BEEN BROUGHT UNDER GOVERNMENT DIRECTION THROUGH THE CREATION OF A TANKER CONTROL BOARD. IT WAS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY.

The Board will co-ordinate their allocation and utilisation. An official stated there is no

Tension In Occupied Area

"THE SITUATION IN THE OCCUPIED ZONE IN FRANCE HAS GROWN DRAMATICALLY ACUTE IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS," SAYS THE BASLE NEWSPAPER "NATIONAL ZEITUNG."

"Anti-German demonstrations called 'Communist' by the occupying power and the French police authorities, acts of sabotage against traffic, and railway accidents, the murder of a German officer, mass arrests of thousands of alleged Communists, establishment of special tribunals by the French Government, German military commanders' threats to shoot hostages should fresh sabotage occur — a mere enumeration of these events provides speaking evidence of the state of tension that has been reached.

intention to commandeer tankers but the Board would pool ships and direct operations with a view to ensuring greater efficiency. — Reuter.

"It has become the central problem of French internal politics but it has its roots above all in external politics."

Commenting on the increased Communist activity, due to the outbreak of war with Russia, the article says: "The Communists used the war period in the first year after the armistice to build up a well-camouflaged illegal organisation the nucleus of which has not been reached by any police action."

The writer ascribes this to the inefficiency of the French police mass measures compared with the "refined, individualised methods of the Germans."

Old Trick

The paper comments: "The mass nature of the arrests in Paris tempts one to believe Paris is attempting to give the Germans proof of their energy rather than follow any definite purpose."

Referring to the appeal by General von Stuepnagel, Commander-in-Chief of the German army in France, which put Germanophobia on the same footing as Communism, the article says: "It is an old trick to call any opposition Communist."

"At present in occupied France practically all supporters of the national resistance idea not yet reconciled to defeat and who oppose any form of victor power are regarded as Communists."

Collaboration

Adding that this applies in the widest sense to the threat to shoot hostages, the paper draws attention to a "highly interesting sentence" in the German public notice, which illustrates the close collaboration between the German and French authorities.

The notice mentions that "not only prisoners in the hands of the German military authorities but also those placed at the Germans' disposal by other official sources."

The paper says: "This can only mean that prisoners in the hands of the French police are regarded by the German authorities as hostages and will be shot if sabotage continues."

"But the most that can be obtained by such means is fear and obedience, never love."

Little Hope

They have little hope left of creating really friendly relations between the two people.

"READINESS TO COLLABORATE WITH GERMANY IS RESTRICTED TO THE SMALL UPPER CLASS BUT IS REJECTED BY THE PEOPLE."

"Germany is certainly strong enough to suppress France, however muttering and hostile,

just as it can at present deal with parallel phenomena in Norway, Holland and Serbia. "But the hopes held in a few German circles that the French might be made allies appear hardly capable of fulfilment at a time when the shooting of hostages is threatened." — Reuter.

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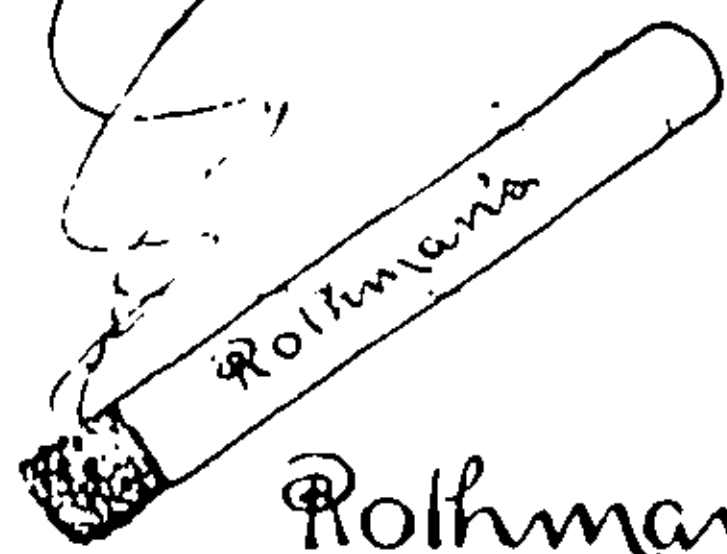
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RED ARMY RE-TAKES GOMEL According To Stockholm Report

LAVAL WILL RECOVER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
After an emergency operation physicians said last night that Pierre Laval, who was shot by a youthful Frenchman at Versailles in the afternoon, will recover.

Marcel Deat, leader of the French Fascist faction, and an unidentified colonel were also shot when the would-be assassin, Paul Colette, fired into a group of officials.

Gabriel Peri, former member of the Chamber of Deputies, and one-time director of the Communist paper "Humanite," was later gaoled with Colette. The affair occurred on the same day when the French courts were handling hundreds of cases of Communists arrested in the latest round-up. — International News Service.

Closing Shanghai Leakage

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
It is believed that the order of the Board of Trade prohibiting exports to China except via the Burma Road has been made to strengthen the Chinese Stabilisation Fund.

British circles in London feel that although not possessing physical means to stop imports into Shanghai, the Stabilisation Fund will control the volume of such imports by restricting exchange facilities to approved imports.

Exporters will be unable to obtain licences for unwanted merchandise. The Fund will be placed in a strong position to regulate the fapi's external exchange value. — Central News.

JAPAN'S CAUTION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON REMAIN MUM REGARDING THE JAPAN'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE PACIFIC PROBLEM BUT INFORMED QUARTERS INTERPRET THE APPARENT CHANGE AS CAUTION TILL THE COURSE OF THE RUSSO-GERMAN WAR IS CLEARER. These quarters do not think an

Counter-Attacks Developing In Southern Ukraine

ACCUSATION BY U.S. METAL COMPANY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mr. Frank Eichelberger of the Prexy Alunite Co., alleged yesterday that the Office of Production Management had discouraged an aluminium producing process with which "Japan is producing more aluminium than the United States." — International News Service.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

USING ALL AVAILABLE MANPOWER THE RUSSIAN FORCES HAVE LAUNCHED A GENERAL COUNTER-OFFENSIVE ALL ALONG THE LOWER DNIEPER RIVER, IT WAS REPORTED IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

According to the Stockholm correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph," Red Army troops, after a series of counter-attacks, have re-entered Gomel. The Moscow war bulletins, however, give no details of land operations.

It is officially stated in Moscow that the Russians are fighting stubbornly along the entire front, and well-informed quarters state that the defenders of Odessa have "massacred" the attacking German forces, and that the Nazis have been obliged to send huge replacements to this sector.

The Russians claim that German losses have been terrific in the Leningrad and Ukraine sectors and that the counter-attack on the central front is continuing successfully.

Dealing with the battle between Smolensk and Lake Ilmen, a

German High Command communique alleges that the entire Red 22nd Army was encircled and "annihilated."

New Blitz ?

Hitler, according to the communique, is moving fresh armies up en masse for a new blitz.

The Germans claim that a single infantry regiment took the town of Serislav, on the lower reaches of the Dnieper, after a fierce battle "in which a Russian battalion was wiped out."

The German forces are said to be establishing what is termed a "crushing grip" on the Leningrad area, while special Storm Troops, supported by artillery, "are preparing to pound Odessa." — International News Service.

SERBIAN REVOLTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A B.B.C. broadcast says Mussolini has been compelled to send motorised units to Belgrade to suppress Serbian revolts.

The German authorities in Belgrade are unable to get reinforcements because of the losses in Russia.

Tass reports that 800 Italians were killed in fighting with Croat troops and a whole Italian regiment is reported to have fled. — International News Service.

GERMAN PRESSURE ON TURKEY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE BEIRUT CORRESPONDENT OF THE "DAILY MAIL" SAYS GERMAN PRESSURE ON TURKEY, IN ADDITION TO THE MASSING OF NAZI TROOPS IN BULGARIA AND IN THE AEGEAN ISLANDS, LEAD TO THE BELIEF THAT HITLER IS CONTEMPLATING A MOVE TO COUNTER THE ANGLO- RUSSIAN INVASION OF IRAN.

An indication that no serious resistance is being met with in Iran was given by M. Lozovsky, the Soviet spokesman, who said Russo-Iranian diplomatic relations have not been severed. — International News Service.

SPECTACULAR ADVANCES IN IRAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE BRITISH TROOPS have carried out spectacular advances in west and south-west Iran while the Navy has captured intact most of the Iranian navy in the Gulf of Persia.

The oil of the oil areas is now in British hands, it was stated in Simla yesterday.

Germans and Italians were among the prisoners taken though there is no indication they were actual combatants.

British casualties are reported to be negligible.

As the British and Russian forces continue their swift advance, reports gain currency that the Shah may drop his opposition to negotiating an agreement.

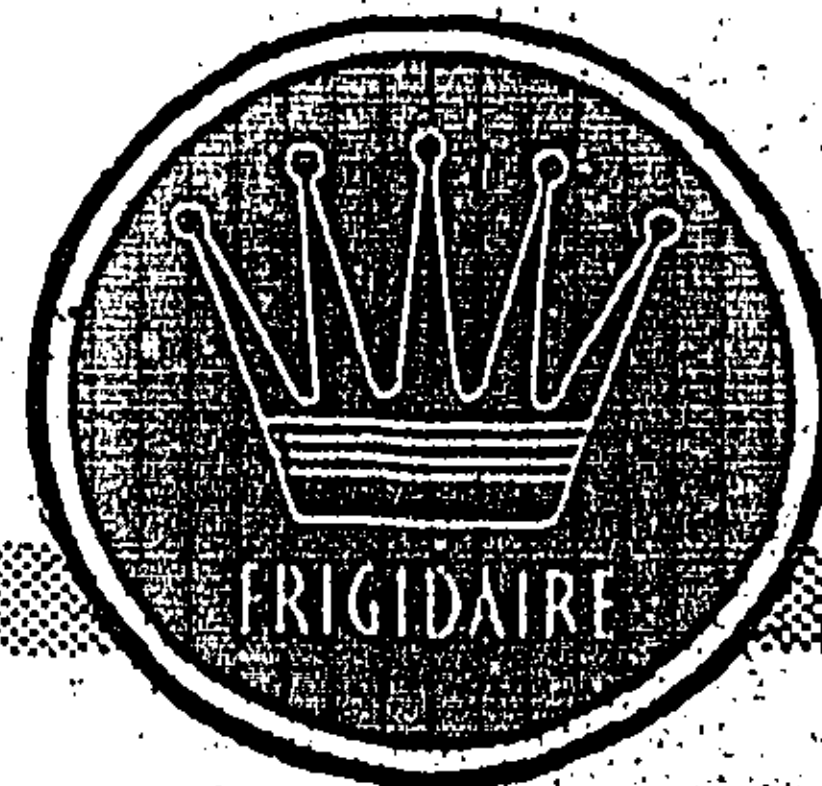
Axis-Japan break is near, but Mr. Koh Ishii's statement in Tokyo is thought to be an indication of a softening policy. — International News Service.

Baghdad reports that 16 German "businessmen" have been ordered out of Iran and that another 60 German passports have been applied for.

Land Link

It is believed that any agreement reached with the Shah must provide for the presence of Allied troops in Iran to block the Nazis on the east and to provide a land link between Britain and Russia.

British paratroops, meanwhile, are now firmly established in the oilfields. — International News Service.



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Iranian Government Now Reported Ready To Reconsider

IRANIAN FOLLY REVEALED

It is authoritatively stated in London that the Iranian Government, tempted by the favourable credit terms which the Germans offered, sold for export virtually the whole of the year's grain harvest, as well as stocks of tea and sugar, with a complete disregard of the needs of Iranians.

Already there is much destitution. Food riots have taken place in Shiraz, Isfahan, Yazd, Kerman and Hamadan, and even in the capital there is a serious shortage and discontent is rife.

It is estimated that in the oil areas of the south-west, the existing supplies will suffice for the barest needs of the civilian population only until September 15.

In view of this lamentable state of affairs, orders have been given by the General Officer Commanding the British troops to import at once into the area occupied by the British 650 tons of wheat from Iraq.

This represents something like a month's supply and will meet the initial requirements. It will, in due course, be supplemented by further consignments from India. —Reuter.

CHINESE FEARS RELIEVED

THE "TA KUNG PAO," IN A LEADING ARTICLE, SAYS THAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF A MILITARY MISSION TO CHINA FULLY DEMONSTRATES THE FIRMNESS OF UNITED STATES POLICY IN THE FAR EAST.

The announcement sets at rest all apprehensions in regard to the informal talks now going on between Japan and the United States.

The "National Times" opines that in sending a Military Mission to China while conducting informal talks with Japan, America is giving Japan a last chance to reconsider her attitude. She has no intention of compromising with Japan.

The "Sing Tao Jih Pao" declares that President Roosevelt's announcement is a great encouragement. American aid to China is translated from lip service to deeds, and means that China is now positively on a common front with America, Britain and Soviet Russia. —Central News.

DOMINION ENDORSEMENT

ALL THE DOMINION GOVERNMENTS WERE KEPT INFORMED OF THE PROGRESS OF THE ROOSEVELT-CHURCHILL TALKS, WHICH TOOK PLACE SOMEWHERE IN THE ATLANTIC AND LED TO THE FORMULATION OF WHAT IS NOW KNOWN AS THE ATLANTIC CHARTER, STATES REUTER'S LOBBY CORRESPONDENT.

Whole-hearted approval has been expressed by all the Dominion Governments to the British Government at the terms and aims of the Charter. —Reuter.

ALLIED FORCES ENCOUNTER LITTLE RESISTANCE

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

While the Russian troops advancing southward from the Caucasus and the British in a north-westerly direction from Iraq are meeting very little opposition from the Shah's armies and remarkable cordiality from the civilian population, the authorities in Teheran are beginning to realise their policy of procrastination has landed them in a serious crisis.

The mighty combination of forces represented by Britain and Russia has been challenged by the evasive tactics of the Iranian Government and despite the most earnest warnings there has been no serious attempt to prevent the infiltration of German agents or reduce their numbers.

Speedy Russian Advance

Information about the progress of the Russian troops in Iran is still laconic but the names of places mentioned in the Soviet communique leaves no doubt that progress is rapid and is not meeting opposition.

The Soviet press strongly emphasises there is no quarrel with the Iranians and a "Pravda" article stresses the largely feudal nature of Iran society and the exorbitant rents being paid to landlords and also Hitler's influence over Fascist officer elements of the Iran Army.

It is apparent from the speed of the Russian advance that motorised troops are being largely used. —Reuter.

BORDER DISTRICTS PEACEFUL

Disclosure that conditions on either side of the Baluchistan-Iranian border were perfectly peaceful was made to Reuter by Lieutenant-General E. F. Norton, Commander of the Western (Independent) District with Headquarters at Quetta.

He expressed satisfaction with the arrangements for the protection of India from any aggression and endorsed General Wavell's recent statement that India would be firmly defended.

Speaking of the territory under his command, which extends from Karachi to the border of the North-West Frontier and includes Baluchistan, General Norton said that the defences were strong and invulnerable. —Reuter.

Now that the blow has fallen the Iranian Government seem disposed to come forward with fresh proposals of a more comprehensive character.

It is believed the Shah informed Sir Reader Bullard, the British Minister in Teheran, that the Iranian Government would be willing to expel all Germans except a few indispensable technicians within a week and even those would be removed as soon as substitutes could be trained.

Tardy Appreciation

Now that the two Governments have taken steps to reduce the evil of German Fifth Columnists' manoeuvres, this offer suggests a somewhat tardy appreciation of the circumstances.

The proposals of the Iranian Government will no doubt receive the fullest consideration but it is obvious that the military operations that have been initiated cannot be suspended until the British and Soviet Governments are satisfied that all potential menace from the Axis in Iran has been effectively countered. —Reuter.

Cabinet Resigns

ACCORDING TO THE IRANIAN SPOKESMAN AT ANKARA, THE IRANIAN CABINET RESIGNED YESTERDAY, STATES MARTIN AGRONSKY, N.B.C. RADIO COMMENTATOR. —REUTER.

Solution Possible

While there is no confirmation in London of the reports that the Iranian Government may seek a peaceful settlement with Great Britain and Russia, there is little doubt that the Shah appreciates the formidable nature of the composition of the forces moving into Iran. Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns.

Moreover, it is felt that the Iranian Government must by this time be convinced of the justice and reasons which led to Britain and Russia taking action, and of the importance which the Allies attach to Iran's position.

The hope was expressed in London yesterday that the Shah might see his way to reach a peaceful solution. It is learned that the British Minister to Teheran saw the Shah again yesterday. —Reuter.

RUMANIAN GENERAL REPORTED SHOT

General Ciuperca, former Inspector-General of the Rumanian army, has been shot for opposing the sending of the Rumanian army to fight beyond the Dneister, according to rumours in Bucharest, quoted by the Istanbul correspondent of the Independent French News Agency. The correspondent adds that 12 Rumanian generals have resigned for the same reason. —Reuter.

AXIS PRISONERS TAKEN

It is learned in Simla that a large number of Germans and Italians are among the prisoners taken at Bandar Shapur. Many Iranian naval prisoners were also taken at Khorramshahr.

It is now known that airborne troops were landed in the Hatt-keel area to protect the employees of the oil company.

The British are now in complete occupation of Bandar Shapur, Choramshaur, Sylaimanyah and Qasarsishik.

The whole area west of Khorramshahr, along the Shattelarab River, right down to Abadan is in British hands.

On the south bank of the Karun River, the British occupied the floating dock and have secured the passage between Basean and Abadan, and Abadan Island is completely cleared of Germans. —Reuter.

SNATCHING CASE

Sentence of nine months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, on Chan Sik, 40, for snatching a wristwatch from a Chinese woman in Connaught Road West yesterday.

Accused had a previous conviction. Sergeant G. Davis prosecuted.

FIGHTER 'PLANES PROTECTING FORWARD TROOPS

YESTERDAY'S R.A.F. Middle East communique revealed that in Iran on Tuesday R.A.F. fighters continued to provide protection for our forward troops.

One Iranian Hawker-type aircraft was shot down while taking off at Ahwaz and another was attacked on the ground. Our bombers again dropped pamphlets on Isfahan, Giraz and Kasbin.

Another force successfully bombed gun positions and troop concentrations holding Fytak Pass.

Further reports show that during operations by our fighters on August 25, four Iranian aircraft, and not three, as stated in the previous communique, were destroyed.

In bombing attacks on Ahwaz aerodrome direct hits were obtained on a hangar setting it on fire and destroying at least one Iranian aircraft.

In Libya

In Libya, several targets in Cyrenaica and Tripolitania were attacked on the night of August 25/26.

Tripoli harbour and dumps near the town were again heavily bombed. A particularly violent explosion was seen to hurl masses of debris high into the air and was followed by a bright fire, and a number of other fires were started near the fort and power station.

At Benghazi, several bombs were dropped on railway sidings and an enemy encampment.

On the same night Fleet Air Arm aircraft bombed the harbour at Bardia and obtained direct hits

on ships and started fires among petrol dumps. South African bombers heavily damaged concentrations of enemy mechanical transport vehicles near Rasuenna on Tuesday.

Shipping Attacked

In the central Mediterranean R.A.F. medium bombers attacked enemy ships on Tuesday.

Direct hits with heavy bombs were obtained on one vessel and another ship was hit and left sinking.

A number of Macchi 200's which approached Malta on Tuesday evening were engaged by R.A.F. fighters and chased back to Sicily, where three of them were shot down, one falling in a village. Several other enemy fighters were badly damaged.

In Cyprus R.A.F. fighters intercepted and shot down one S60 off Famagusta on Tuesday.

In Abyssinia, enemy positions at Wolcheit and Gondar were bombed and machine-gunned on Tuesday by R.A.F. and South African aircraft.

From all these operations, three of our aircraft are missing. —Reuter.

SOVIET MILITARY RETICENCE

Leaving Field To Nazi Bombast

Attempt To Drive Wedge In North

WITH A BLARE OF TRUMPETS AND ROLL OF DRUMS, THE GERMANS YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED THE CAPTURE OF VELIKE LUGIA, THE JUNCTION ON THE DIRECT RAILWAY FROM RIGA TO MOSCOW. THEY CLAIM A BIG BAG OF PRISONERS AND 400 GUNS.

BATTLE OBVIOUSLY CONTINUING

With the evacuation of Novgorod by the Russians competent critics are of opinion that the Leningrad-Moscow railway is now likely to be endangered.

Although the Russians report further heavy fighting there is no later news of the important counter-attack against the Germans in the Gomel area. The battle is obviously continuing and news is anxiously awaited as it is felt a great deal depends on the issue.

If the German thrust is not held up the Kiev salient, with the troops within it is in grave danger of being cut off and a threat is possible to Kharkov.

If the Russian attack is successful the German task in the south will be made much more difficult.

Claims by the Germans to have taken Dnepro-Petrovsk are not confirmed by the Russians and even if substantiated it means that the Germans have been able to cross the River Dnieper which is a vital defence of Marshal Budenny's army.

The Russian midday communique did not give any further details, stating simply "During last night our troops were engaged in fighting along the whole front."—British Wireless.

DUKE OF KENT IN ONTARIO

THE DUKE OF KENT, ON ARRIVAL AT HAMILTON (ONTARIO) YESTERDAY, WAS GREETED BY CIVIC, ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE AND R.A.F. OFFICIALS.

He was escorted along streets lined by Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and his procession was headed by a detachment of Royal Canadian Air Force personnel.

The Duke visited the factory of the Canadian Westinghouse Company and inspected its munitions section, after which he lunched at No. 33 Navigation School at Mount Hope.—Reuter.

War Savings Certificates

The Hon. Mr. R. R. Todd, Financial Secretary, officially confirmed to-day that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has approved a scheme for the sale of War Savings Certificates in the Colony.

Legislation is now being drafted.

SPITTING FINES

Arrested for spitting in Ngat-sinwei Road yesterday, Lau Wan, 25, Chan Kam, 23, and Fung Yau-kwal, 31, were each fined \$5 by Major A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning.

The area marks the junction of the armies of Marshal Voroshiloff and Marshal Timoshenko, and it would be a natural place for the Germans to drive in a wedge, writes "Annalist," the military commentator.

The Russian communique again speaks of severe fighting along the front but does not mention any place specifically. It must be admitted that this severe reticence of the Russian communiques does engender a certain degree of nervousness, especially as it leaves the field clear for resounding German claims.

Fortunately these have so often proved to have been exaggerated that they are always treated with extreme reserve.

There is no further news of the fighting in the Leningrad area, nor, more significant still, is there any more information available on the subject of the Russian counter-offensive in the region of Gomel.

Decisive Influence

In well-informed quarters in London, considerable importance is attached to this Soviet attack as it is felt it may have a decisive influence in the Russian salient at Kiev.

Here again one is very near to the point of junction between the left flank of Marshal Timoshenko and the right flank of Marshal Budenny.

Full Of Menace

Having failed in their blitz tactics, and the policy of attrition not yet having yielded appreciable results, the Germans are apparently trying to separate the three Russian commands so as to deal piecemeal with the one offering the best chance of success.

If they are able to retain the initiative, these tactics are certainly full of menace, but it is possible that the Russian commanders have some cards up their sleeves.—Reuter.

SCORCHED EARTH IN UKRAINE

THAT GERMANY IS NOT FINDING UKRAINE A READY SOURCE OF SUPPLIES IS INDICATED BY ITEMS APPEARING IN AXIS AND NEUTRAL NEWSPAPERS.

The Berlin correspondent of a Swedish newspaper reports Germany is unable to harvest crops left behind in the west Ukraine owing to lack of machinery and labourers. Labourers have been removed or are refusing to work and the remaining harvesting machinery required repairs for which men are not available.

The Stefani (Italian) agency reports the Russians put so much machinery out of action that recourse is being made to scythes and disused windmills. The Germans were forced to release men from the army for agricultural work in the Ukraine.—British Wireless.

LENINGRAD A VAST ARMED CAMP: HIGH CONFIDENCE

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent)

PEOPLE WHO HAVE ARRIVED IN MOSCOW FROM LENINGRAD DESCRIBE THE CITY'S TENSE, HEROIC ATMOSPHERE. EVERY HOUSE IS LIKE A FORTRESS AND THROUGHOUT DAY AND NIGHT FIRE-WATCHERS ARE ON EVERY ROOF.

Factories are working at a more intense tempo than ever before. Women have in many cases replaced men who have gone to the front.

The city is working with the slogan "All for the front, all for victory."

The appearance of the streets has changed. Shop windows are sandbagged and boarded up. Troops with bands playing march to the front. Red Cross nurses wearing blue overalls are seen everywhere.

The city will clearly be defended by the most modern methods. The A.A. batteries in and around Leningrad are as active and as well-equipped as Moscow's, and the Germans, have already suffered enormous losses—101 planes in the last two days.

Outlook Brighter

The general outlook has unquestionably improved in recent days. The German advance on Leningrad continues but slowly, owing to the violent resistance put up for every inch of ground by the Russian troops, inspired by Leningrad's determination to defend itself to the last and accepting the German challenge with Leningrad's innate pride.

The eyes of the whole Soviet Union are fixed on Leningrad and the town's defence becomes somehow for every man a question of personal honour. Leningrad's biggest problem is to maintain communications and supplies with Moscow and Volga, from the east.

Nazi Tactics

Indications are that the Germans are for the present moving up along the difficult and comparatively inaccessible country between Novgorod and Leningrad

RUSSIANS COUNTER-ATTACK ON DNEIPER

According to a Budapest message to the Vichy news agency last night the Russian troops have launched counter-attacks "with all their available forces" on the lower Dnieper River battlefront.

The Hungarians claim that so far all have been repulsed.—Reuter.

EXCITING TRIP BY CANADIANS

The adventurous voyage to England from Gibraltar of two Royal Canadian Engineers—Lieut. Ames and Sapper Ross—who left Gibraltar in a warship, has just been told.

After some days at sea their ship was ordered to join the chase for the Bismarck, and Ames spent 36 hours on the bridge following the operation from start to finish.

Then, instead going on to England, the warship started on a hunt for German supply ships during which the Canadian officer was in charge of two anti-aircraft guns.

After some success they put in at a West African port where British colonial officials welcomed the first Canadians they had seen there and Ross made friends with Free French soldiers.

Eventually a destroyer came to the port and in this they sailed to another port where they joined a ship in convoy. The convoy was attacked by German submarines but after a heated battle, warships drove them off without British losses.

The ship eventually landed them back at Gibraltar from which they had started over five weeks before.

Shortly after the Canadians boarded the ship which brought back the British Embassy staff from Yugoslavia. Despite attack by German aircraft they eventually arrived safely in England, having travelled 19,000 instead of the usual 1,100 miles.—British Wireless.

HUGE NAZI DUMP BLOWN UP

Recent reports from Norway indicate that despite the state of siege existing, acts of sabotage are steadily increasing, according to a Moscow report yesterday.

"The German authorities have made recourse to mass arrests and the concentration camps are fully over-flowing," says the report.

One of the most important acts of the saboteurs occurred at Trondheim where a violent explosion was heard. It was a huge dump of German aerial bombs.

Many fires are raging in Norway, says the report, especially in districts where the German command have built important secret military establishments.—Reuter.

with which the Germans hoped to have penetrated to Briansk and Kharkov. In the Don Basin, has been effectively snatched off by the Russians by what appears to be a most effective counter-offensive in the Gomel area.

Dnepro-Petrovsk's capture is not confirmed by the Russians.

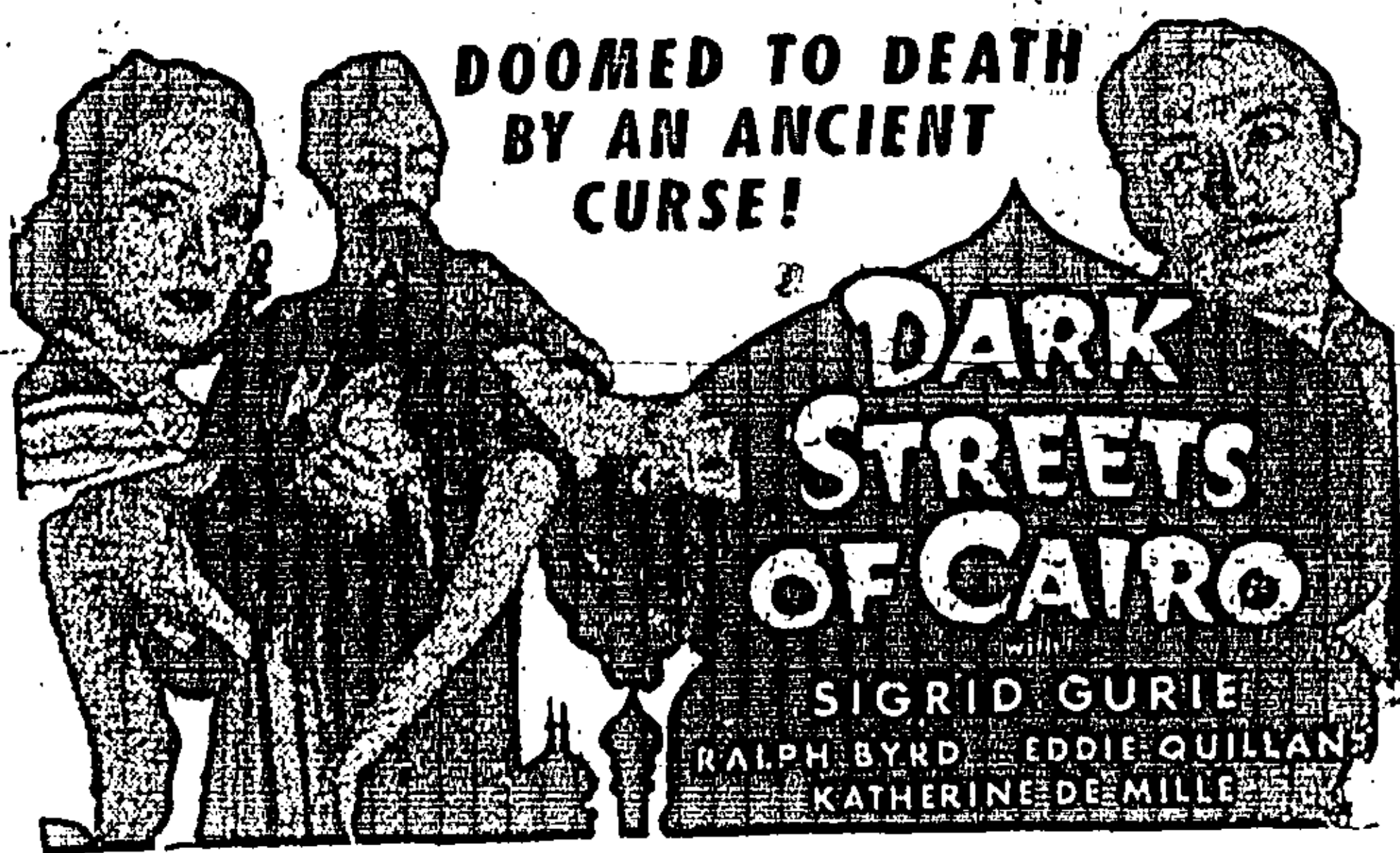
Enormous Licking

Failure of the drive against Kiev is manifest—the Germans got an enormous licking again there a few days ago—and the defence of Odessa, the Black Sea's "super-Tobruk"—continues effectively and promises to be a constant thorn in the side of the occupiers of the western Ukraine.—Reuter.

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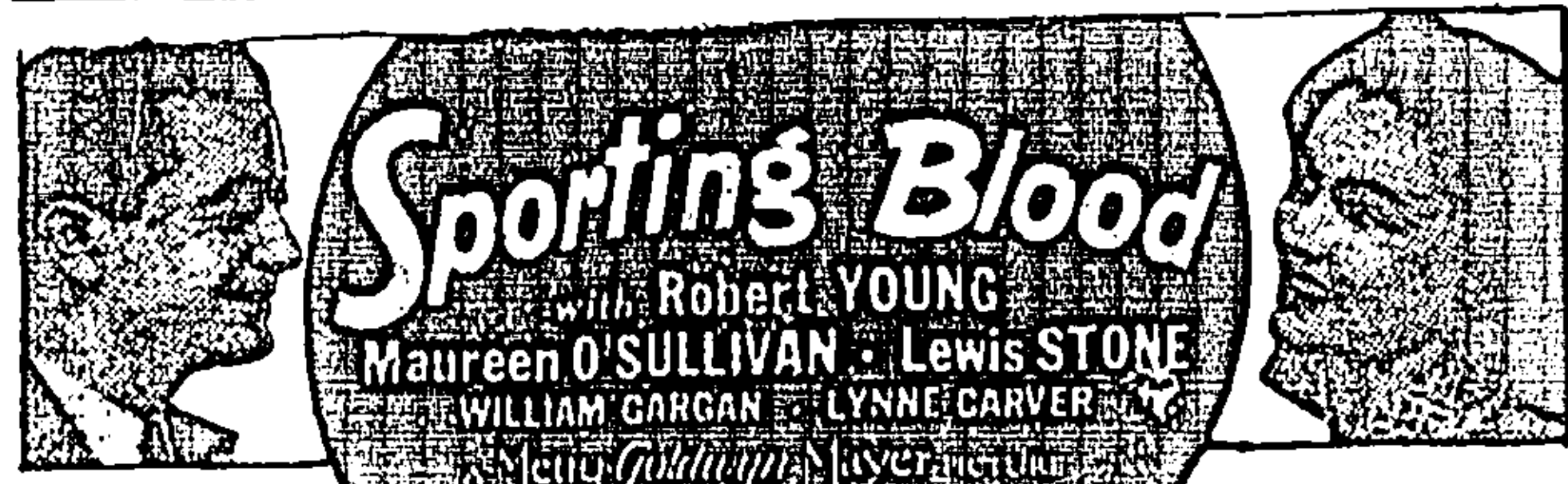
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BLLENHEIMS MAKE HAY AMONG GERMAN NORTH SEA CONVOYS

PICKINGS ARE BECOMING a bit rare these days for the boys of the Coastal Command and therefore when the eager eyes of these flyers observe a large German convoy they allow no obstacle or danger to stand in their way.

On Tuesday at about noon a group of Blenheim bombers flying on patrol without benefit of fighter escorts sighted a large enemy convoy off the German Frisian Islands.

It was observed that the convoy was extremely well protected. There were six "flak" ships, which are vessels especially fitted as anti-aircraft destroyers bristling with guns, guarding the merchantmen while above circled a patrol of Messerschmitt 110's at about 1,000 feet.

AGAINST THIS FORMIDABLE LINE THE BLLENHEIMS ROARED IN LOW TO THE ATTACK.

The first pilot singled out a freighter as target and the crew believes he got a hit although they could not verify because the pilot had to make a sharp turn to avoid hitting the ship's mast.

Great Flash

Another Blenheim attacked a freighter, dropping bombs amidships causing a great flash of flames and smoke to leap into the air.

The other crews busily occupied themselves bombing and machine-gunning the ships and escorts.

Meanwhile, as was expected, the enemy aircraft escort peeled off and came down to engage the Blenheims which were skillfully intent on creating havoc amongst the merchantmen but the British were ready for this contingency and one flight of Blenheims, acting as a section in flying formation, adopted evasive tactics while its gunners kept a concentrated fire on the enemy planes.

One gunner alone, according to the Air Ministry news service, fired 1,500 rounds of ammunition. He saw pieces fall off a Messerschmitt but there was no time for checking scores.

Blenheim Hit

The flak ships put up a fierce defence and one Blenheim was seen to fly through the thick of the barrage and receive a hit. It dived into the sea.

About an hour later Blenheims with a fighter escort found an even larger convoy off the Dutch coast.

There were two lines of merchantships, staggered in line astern with flak ships at the four corners of the convoy and two in the middle on the seaward side.

Guns on shore reinforced the flak ships' barrage.

Enemy fighters were seen but they stood off, not engaging either the Blenheims or the escort fighters.

A Blenheim attacked one of the largest ships in the convoy from a height of 50 feet, dropping a bomb which blew all the top works from amidships causing a billow of black smoke immediately to cover the entire vessel.

Quickly Sank

The following Blenheim dropped a bomb on the same ship which broke up and quickly sank.

In all, four other ships were hit and left blanketed in flames. Both fighters and bombers machine-gunned the bridges and decks of many of the ships.

"Nothing could have lived on those bridges after we had put such loads of lead in them," said one Blenheim gunner.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI MERCHANT SHOT DEAD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

CHEN TSIN-HAN, 51, PROMINENT SHANGHAI MERCHANT, WAS SHOT DEAD WHILE EN ROUTE TO A SING-SONG HOUSE BY TWO TERRORISTS. PROFESSIONAL RIVALRY IS SEEN BEHIND THE ATTACK.

Meanwhile the Japanese-occupied areas of Shanghai have been sealed from the rest of the city as the Japanese continue the closing of the Soochow Creek bridges nightly, blocking the lanes and carrying out intensive searches for the assailants of the murdered Japanese civilians last week.—International News Service.

Three cases of cholera, 34 of tuberculosis, six of dysentery and one of enteric fever, were notified yesterday.

NO NEW BUILDINGS FOR INDIA

The Government of India has announced in Simla that owing to a severe shortage of supplies no iron and steel will be available for the erection of residential and office buildings and places of amusement.—Reuter.

"BOMB RIVIERA," SAY FRENCHMEN

"WHY DON'T THE R.A.F. BOMB THE RAILWAY LINES RUNNING ALONG THE FRENCH AND ITALIAN RIVIERA INTO ITALY?"

This question (says a Reuter message from the French frontier) is being put by many Frenchmen.

The lines between Ventimiglia and San Remo (both on the Italian side of the border) have been doubled and a new station built at Ventimiglia.

Italian troops are stationed at Menton (on the French side of the border.)

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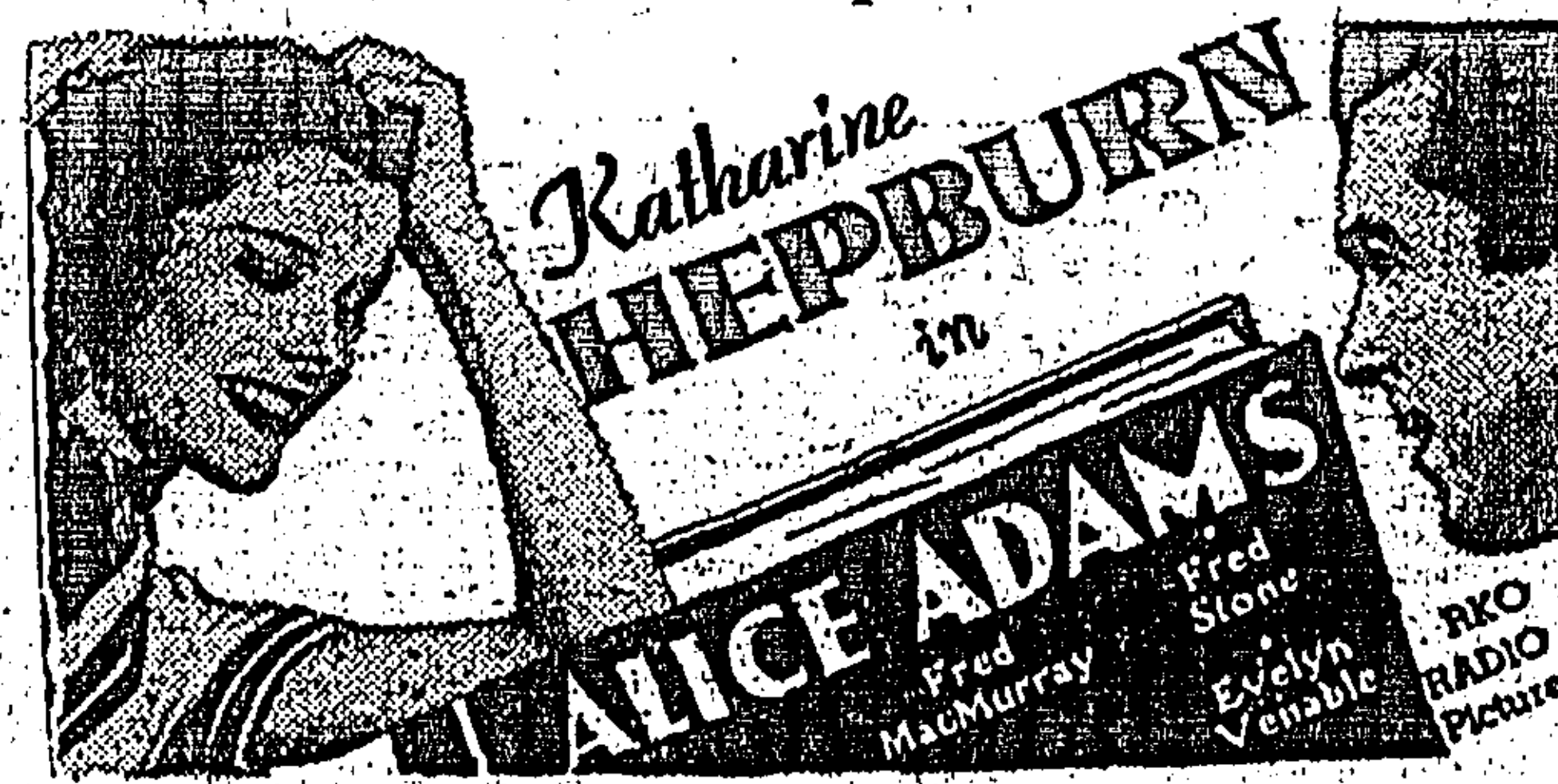
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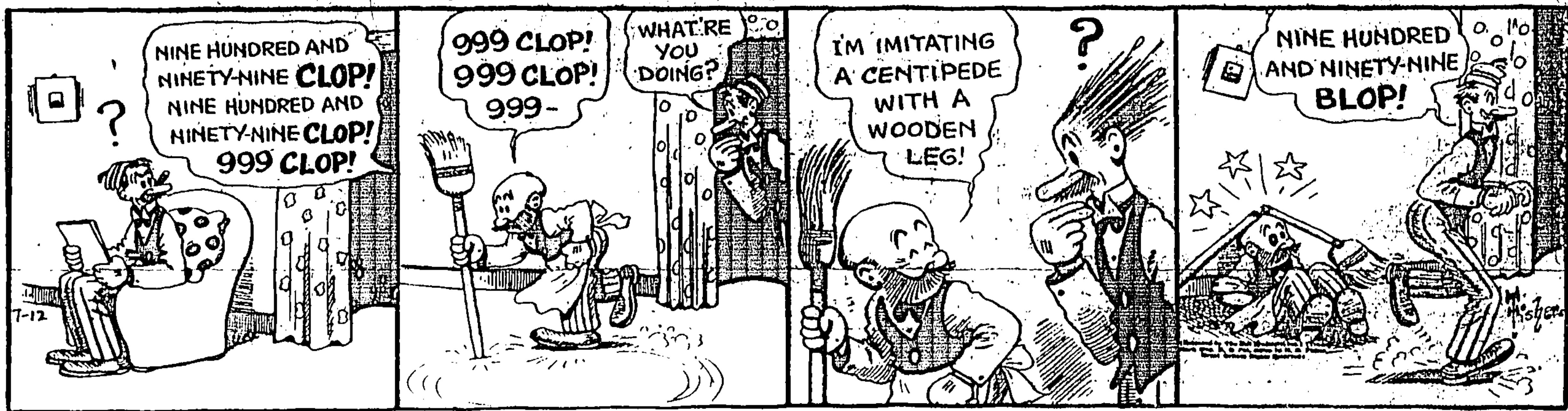


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CHINA CONFIDENT OF AMERICAN MOTIVES

"CHINESE AND AMERICAN RELATIONS ARE MOST FRIENDLY AND ABOVE ANY KIND OF SUSPICION OR MISTRUST.

"We have implicit confidence in each other and in our cultural background which is essential to international understanding," said Dr. Quo Tai-chi, Minister of Foreign Affairs, in a speech at the Confucius' birthday party given by the Chinese-American Institute of Cultural Relations last night.

Dr. Quo said that though conversations are going on in Washington between the United States and Japan, not the slightest apprehension is entertained by the Chinese that China's interests will not be upheld on the fundamental principles of international policy.

Mr. Clarence E. Gauss, American Ambassador to China, who was present said: "Where America stands with reference to China and the Far East is known to you all.

On March 15th, President Roosevelt said, 'America will extend to China immediately all possible aid.' America does not enter into or take lightly any commitments."

Mr. Owen Lattimore, personal adviser to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, dwelt on the importance of Sino-American cultural relations.

Other prominent guests included Mr. Kung Teh-cheng, 77th lineal descendant of Confucius.—Central News.

TWO 'PLANES CRASH IN PORTUGAL

Two British twin-engined 'planes came down in Portugal yesterday.

One made a forced landing on the coast close to Lisbon and the other at Foreira, in Oporto district.

Both 'planes were burned out but the crews are safe.—Reuter.

CHINESE AMOK

Allegedly using a chopper and an axe, a Chinese was reported to have attacked three men and a boy who were sleeping in a hostel on the first floor of No. 14, Jubilee Street, at 4 a.m. to-day. Two of the victims, one 43 years old, and a 12-year-old lad, have been admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital in a serious condition. The other two men were only slightly wounded. The assailant escaped and has not yet been traced.

LIBYA GUNFIRE

A British Middle East communiqué issued from General Headquarters, Cairo, yesterday states: Libya: In the frontier area, as the result of activity of our patrols, the enemy opened up artillery fire. In the Tobruk area, no change.

Italian East Africa: In the Worskeft area, a small detachment cooperating with Ethiopian patrols successfully attacked an enemy fort, capturing seven Italians and several machine-guns.—Reuter.

Alleged Note To Portugal

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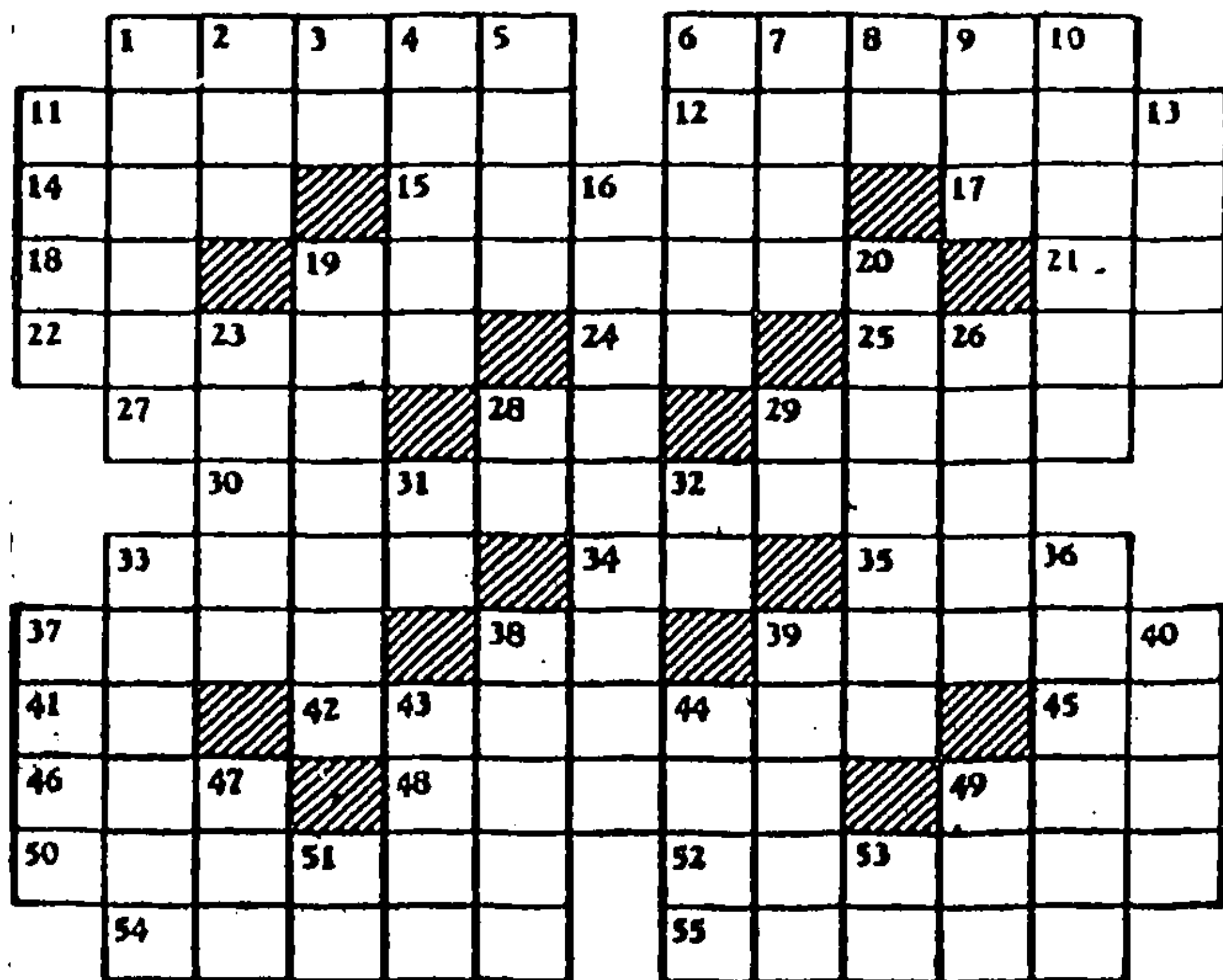
NEW YORK, YESTERDAY PICKED UP A B.B.C. BROADCAST QUOTING THE MOSCOW NEWSPAPER "PRAVDA" AS SAYING THAT GERMANY HAS DEMANDED "USE OF THE AZORES" IN A NOTE TO PORTUGAL.—INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

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- 24 Hebrew letter
- 25 Tangles
- 27 Hindu weight
- 28 Butterfly
- 29 Writes
- 30 Detachment to force men into naval service
- 33 Reclined
- 34 Toward
- 35 English River
- 37 To remove
- 38 Symbol for gold
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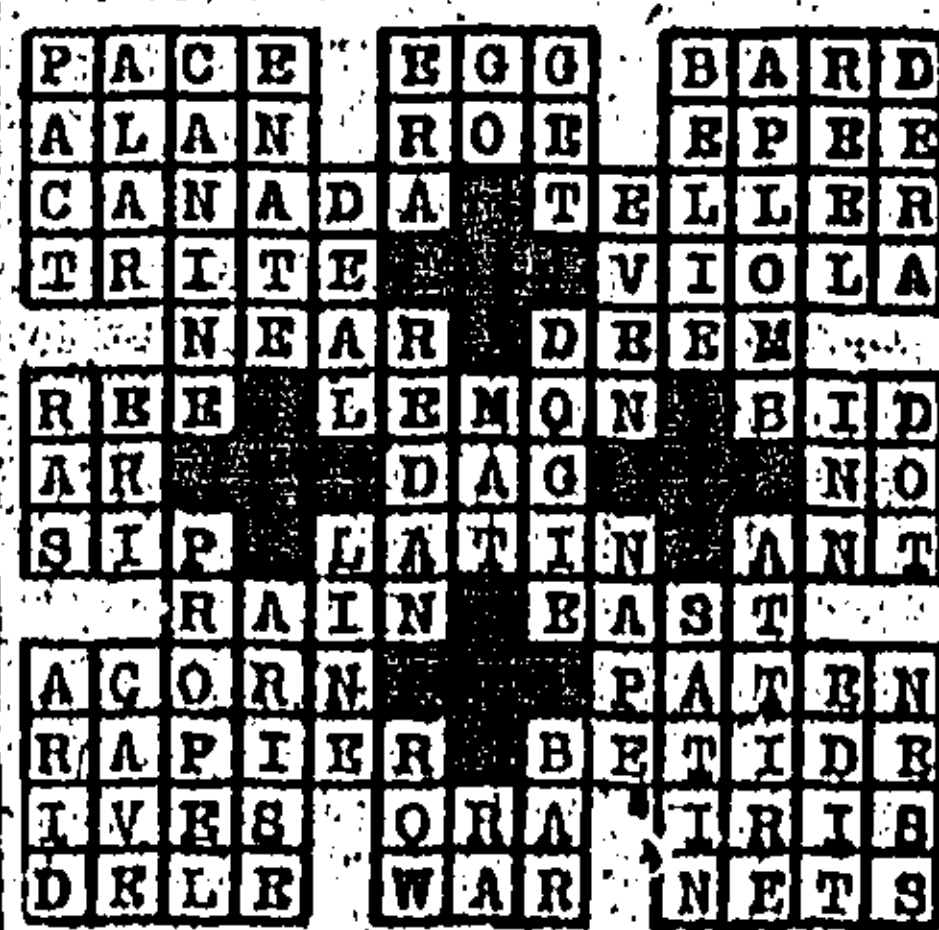
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- 42 Compacted in rows
- 43 Article
- 46 Ocean
- 48 Loam deposit
- 49 Insect
- 50 Greece
- 52 To enter for conquest
- 54 River in France
- 55 Appears

VERTICAL

- 1 To vex
- 2 Eggs
- 3 Japanese measure
- 4 Profound sleep
- 5 Sandarac tree
- 6 Light Indian craft
- 7 Solar disc
- 8 Pronoun
- 9 Ethiopian title
- 10 Groups of eight
- 11 Bristle
- 13 Head-coverings
- 16 Deception
- 18 Hastens
- 20 Altered
- 23 Calyx leaf
- 26 Wrath
- 28 Exists
- 29 Colloquial: father
- 31 Printer's measure
- 32 To depart
- 33 Embankments
- 36 African antelopes
- 37 Plate
- 38 Ascended
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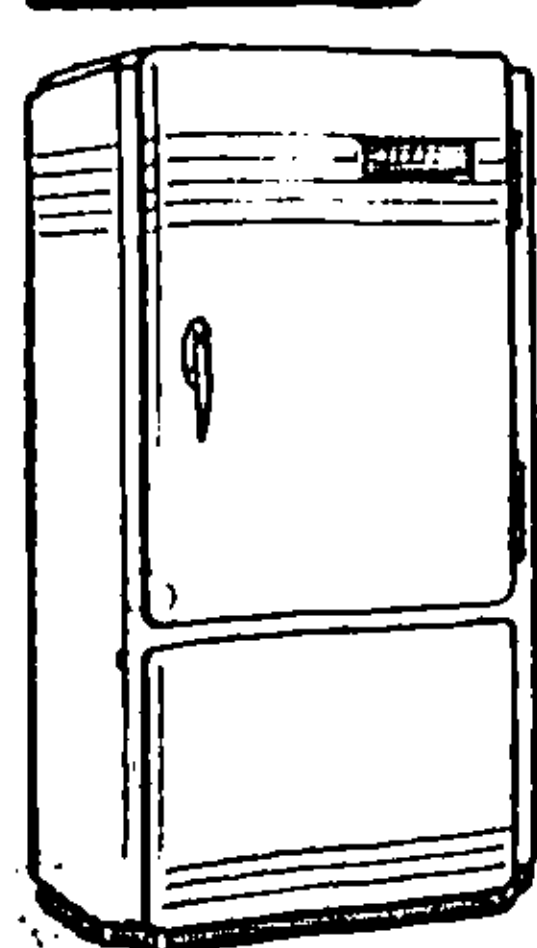


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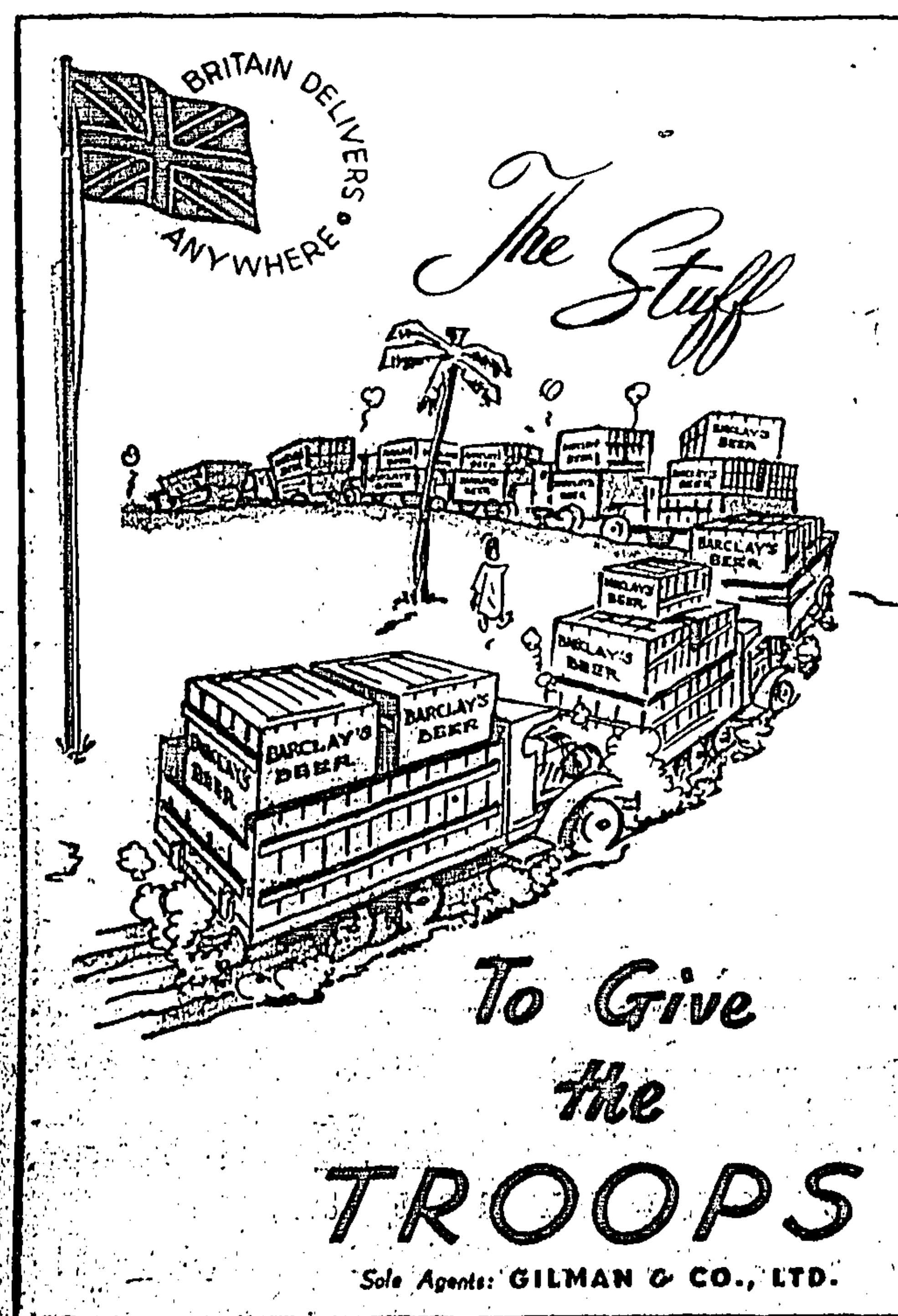
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ACUTE CRISIS THREATENS IN OCCUPIED FRANCE

"THE SITUATION IN THE OCCUPIED ZONE IN FRANCE HAS GROWN DRAMATICALLY ACUTE IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS," SAYS THE BASLE NEWSPAPER "NATIONAL ZEITUNG."

"Anti-German demonstrations called 'Communist' by the occupying power and the French police authorities, acts of sabotage against traffic, and railway accidents, the murder of a German officer, mass arrests of thousands of alleged Communists, establishment of special tribunals by the French Government, German military commanders' threats to shoot hostages should fresh sabotage occur—a mere enumeration of these events provides speaking evidence of the state of tension that has been reached.

"It has become the central problem of French internal politics but it has its roots above all in external politics."

Commenting on the increased Communist activity, due to the outbreak of war with Russia, the article says: "The Communists used the war period in the first year after the armistice to build up a well-camouflaged illegal organisation the nucleus of which has not been reached by any police action."

The writer ascribes this to the inefficiency of the French police mass measures compared with the "refined, individualised methods of the Germans."

Old Trick

The paper comments: "The mass nature of the arrests in Paris tempts one to believe Paris is attempting to give the Germans proof of their energy rather than follow any definite purpose."

Referring to the appeal by General von Stuepnagel, Commander-in-Chief of the German army in France, which put Germanophobia on the same footing as Communism, the article says: "It is an old trick to call any opposition Communist."

"At present in occupied France practically all supporters of the national resistance idea not yet reconciled to defeat and who oppose any form of victor power are regarded as Communists."

Collaboration

Adding that this applies in the widest sense to the threat to shoot hostages, the paper draws attention to a "highly interesting sentence" in the German public notice, which illustrates the close collaboration between the German and French authorities.

The notice mentions that "not only prisoners in the hands of the German military authorities but also those placed at the Germans' disposal by other official sources."

The paper says: "This can only mean that prisoners in the hands of the French police are regarded by the German authorities as hostages and will be shot if sabotage continues."

"But the most that can be obtained by such means is fear and obedience, never love."

Little Hope

They have little hope left of creating really friendly relations between the two people.

"READINESS TO COLLABORATE WITH GERMANY IS RESTRICTED TO THE SMALL UPPER CLASS BUT IS REJECTED BY THE PEOPLE."

"Germany is certainly strong enough to suppress France, however muttering and hostile, just as it can at present deal with parallel phenomena in Norway, Holland and Serbia."

"But the hopes held in a few German circles that the French might be made allies appear hardly capable of fulfilment at a time when the shooting of hostages is threatened."—Reuter.

MASS UNREST IN FRANCE BY WINTER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The "Journal de Geneve" says Vichy is taking severe measures against "Communists" accused of organising a revolution under the guise of a nationalist movement aimed at the Petain Government.

The paper predicts mass unrest in France by winter.—International News Service.

JUNKERS CRASH IN EIRE

A JU88 WHICH CRASHED IN EIRE ON TUESDAY IS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT MUST FREQUENTLY HAPPEN TO RAIDERS ON BRITAIN WHICH ARE ONLY CLAIMED AS "DAMAGED."

Two fighter pilots intercepted the JU88 in St. George's Channel late in the afternoon and attacked it at once. On return to their station they reported it as only damaged.

Later news came that a JU88 had crashed in Eire. Comparison of the times and other details leave little doubt that it was the same aircraft.

There are many Germany planes left in similar condition over the sea which never return to fly for the Luftwaffe though their destruction cannot be confirmed. They go into the list of enemy aircraft "damaged" by fighter pilots.—British Wireless.

NATIVE CONSCRIPTION IN N.E.I.

IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN BATAVIA YESTERDAY THAT THE NECESSARY STEPS FOR PUTTING INTO EFFECT THE LAW FOR NATIVE CONSCRIPTION RECENTLY PASSED BY THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES WEAPONS CONVENTION HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT SO SMOOTHLY AND RAPIDLY THAT NATIVE CONSCRIPTS WILL BE CALLED TO ARMS AS EARLY AS SEPTEMBER 25.

Home guards will be organised in Sumatra according to a scheme already operating in Java.

The Netherlands East Indies Government have, moreover, adopted preliminary measures whereby all persons of no nationality "between the ages of 16 and 60 residing in the N.E.I., or employed on N.E.I. ships, or ships belonging to the N.E.I., will be liable to compulsory civil defence work."—Reuter.

U.S. TAX LEVIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The U.S. Senate Finance Committee yesterday eliminated from the \$3,500,000,000 Tax Bill proposed levies on radio sets but approved a \$5 annual use tax on motor vehicles, boats, news service, leased wires and burglar alarms.—International News Service.

LITIGATION OVER SALE OF OLD COINS

Judgment for \$2,500 with costs, and immediate execution, was granted to M. P. Talati, merchant of No. 18, Ice House Street, when he sued A. A. Rumjahn, commission agent of Wang Hing Building, before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, in the Supreme Court this morning.

Plaintiff was represented by Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, instructed by Mr. W. A. MacKinlay, while defendant was absent.

In his statement of claim, plaintiff said that on January 3, 1939, he handed to defendant a quantity of old coins to sell for at least \$2,500, failing which the coins were to be returned within three days.

"Defendant, without authority, broke up the collection and gave possession of a part to a third person without obtaining sufficient security, or sold part at a lower price than he was authorised to."

"On June 27, plaintiff demanded return of the coins and on July 3, defendant returned part but refused to return 31 gold coins and 15 silver coins converting the same to his own use and wrongly depriving plaintiff of same."

Mr. Talati gave evidence supporting his claim and stated that proceedings against defendant in the Magistracy had failed.

Mr. H. J. Armstrong produced two documents recording interviews with defendant in connection with the matter, and in one defendant stated that he had handed the coins to another person who was at present out of the Colony.

'DOWN TO SEA' AS D.F.C. AWAITED

"He was last seen going down towards the sea."

Flight-Lieutenant J. W. E. Davies, air hero of whom that was stated a year ago when the King was unable to honour him, is among 104 R.A.F. officers reported presumed killed in action.

Three hours before he was to receive the D.F.C. Flight-Lieutenant Davies was ordered out on patrol over the Channel. He never came back and when the King arrived at the air station to decorate a group of officers he came to a vacant place.



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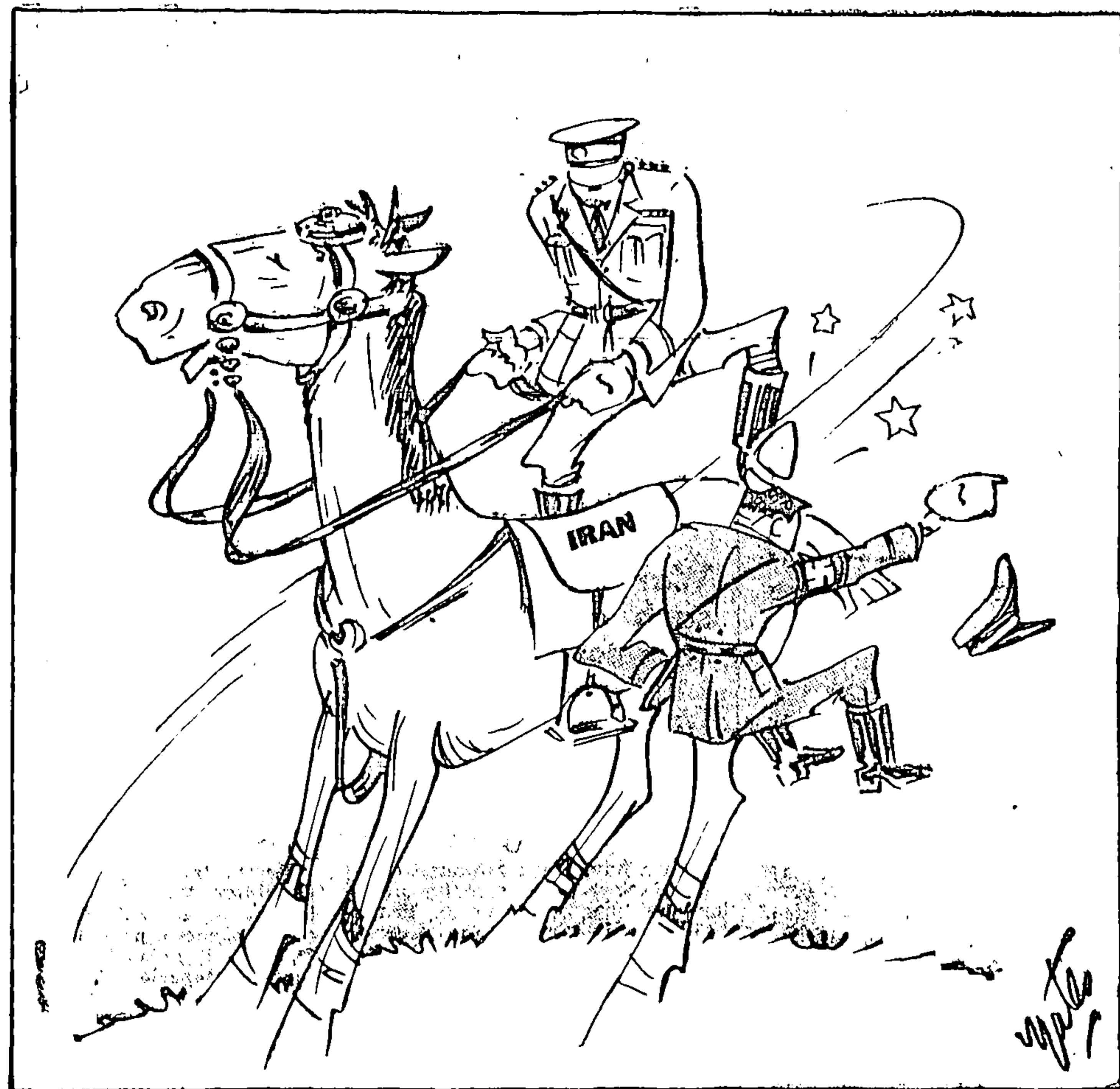
The V sign is an antidote to defeatism. It is a defiance, in the occupied countries, of things as they are, and a reminder like that graven on Solomon's ring, that "even this will pass." These emblems have a power to inspire men far greater than mere logic, since human beings do not conduct their lives by logic, but by sentiment or instinct. Thus the Union Jack stands for British power and courage, the Red Cross for mercy and help. Now, to add to these, we have the V for Victory.

The German Propaganda Department which at first sought to suppress it in the occupied countries, also, by an extraordinary blunder, sought to show that its Morse equivalent is in the opening bar of the great C Minor Symphony of Beethoven, a product of Germany, when Germany still had the respect and affection of the world, and preferred music to machine-guns. The only result of this was that the citizen of France or Norway is able to go down the street yodelling the first two bars of the "Fifth," and when challenged by the German oppressor, declare that it was the German "Viktoria" he meant, not the victory of Britain. By adopting it—with a characteristic lack of humour—the Germans help it to spread, and give it permanence.

It has now got a good start of any clumsy Nazi attempt at adoption. Coming as it does when the Russians' courageous and skilful defence is causing perturbation in Berlin, and the roar of the augmented R.A.F. squadrons on their way to blast Germany grows louder and more persistent each day, it may, despite its apparent ingenuousness, help considerably in shortening the time of the war.

It has the merit of extreme simplicity—even a half-wit can understand it and learn the "dot-dot-dot-dash" of the Morse equivalent, and a piece of chalk is the only instrument necessary to make an impressive display on the walls of town or village. It panders, too, to that deep pleasure which most men feel in giving secret passwords and signals; the same pleasure which the German Nazi feels in giving the Nazi salute and crying "Heil Hitler!"

Thus, while it is not an impressive contribution to



WHAT? NO MORE FREE RIDES?

Pilots Who Never Fight

This is the story of the 'planes that never carry guns—of 'planes that for a year now have kept open, through Nazi-infested skies, Britain's lifeline to the Empire.

It is the story of the pilots who never fight, as, day after day, they fly through the war zone between Britain and Lisbon—last link with the Continent.

They have just celebrated the first anniversary of the opening of the service—a service without which it would be impossible for the rest of the Empire to be served by air.

Not once has a 'plane been shot down. It has been suggested that Germany finds it useful to have a speedy means of contact with Britain—for war, after all, does need some discussion. Red Cross, prisoners of war, repatriation—all these things have to be worked out between deadly foes, locked in combat.

The pilots take no chances. They never take the same route. Sometimes they zig-zag along the coast, sometimes they fly wide into the Atlantic. When they near Britain, they change altitude and hunt for friendly banks of cloud in which to hide.

As the 'plane nears land, the little Cockney steward who serves lunch clamps discs to the port-holes so that the passengers cannot see out of the 'plane. When the coast line is left behind, they are taken out.

It is impossible, of course, for a casual passenger to get a seat, even if he could pay his £35 fare

human thought, it is an extremely good propaganda device, and may contribute very considerably to the overthrow of Nazism if it persists, by lightening the sense of defeat which now must hang heavy over Europe with a gleam of the freedom to come.

ten times over. Five hundred priority passengers a month fill the 'planes. Quite rightly. This service, stripped of its peace-time luxury, is running now for one reason only—to bring the whole of the Empire and America into close range of the battlefield. Think of Winant shipping over to

By
Noel Barber

the States to have a chat about things with Roosevelt. Could he have done that without a 'plane to get him to Lisbon? Never.

The service started in June, 1940, before France fell, but while Hurricanes were battling over the continent, our landplanes never missed a flight.

When France fell another section of the war plan of Britain's civil aviation came into action.

Flying Boats Take Up Task

The luxury landplanes—with-out an intermediate air-port where they could refuel—stayed on the ground, and into the air soared some of Britain's non-stop flying boats.

They flew direct—they still fly direct—from Britain to Portugal. But it was soon found, that there were not enough of them. There are routes over the Tasman Sea and tracks down the African coast that need flying boats. So Britain pressed into service the land-planes of one of her toughest allies—the Dutch.

From K.L.M.—that great Dutch peace-time air company—were chartered landplanes capable of taking passengers and mail in one hop to Lisbon.

To-day, British pilots in their flying boats and Dutch pilots in their landplanes share the honour of keeping open the first link in the life-line of the air—a very vital link.

To realise the importance of the Lisbon flight, one has to get it into its proper perspective.

These boats and 'planes that leave Britain for Lisbon are often winging southward on the first stage of an 18,000 mile journey that ends on the other side of the world. From the heart of the war, these 'planes are serving more than 20 countries.

In 1940, they flew 5,000,000 miles keeping the lifelines of the Empire open. They delivered 30,000,000 letters—letters that would have taken weeks or months if they had gone by sea.

South Africa's Airways Centre

Durban is now the centre of a twice-weekly service that operates along the familiar sky paths of East Africa, India and Malaya to Australia. And though to-day the trip from Lisbon to Africa is routine, less than a year ago it was adventure.

At first, passengers and mail had to go by sea from Lisbon to Durban. It meant a lot of irritation and delay.

So one night Tony Lorraine of Overseas Airways set off on a new route.

His first stop was Lisbon—though that trip was already commonplace. But from there he flew—without radio help, without weather forecasts—over an uncharted route to West Africa. In his 'plane were representatives of Frée France. The situation in the French African colonies was ugly. It was imperative they should reach there quickly. The next morning he landed at Bathurst in Gambia.

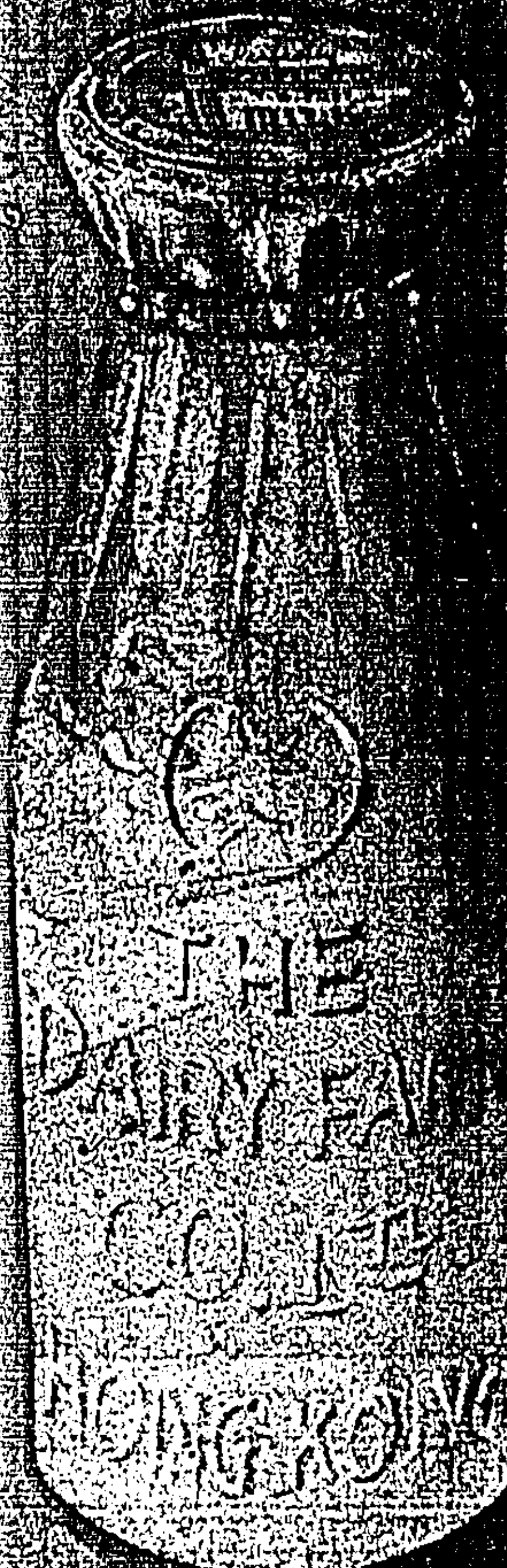
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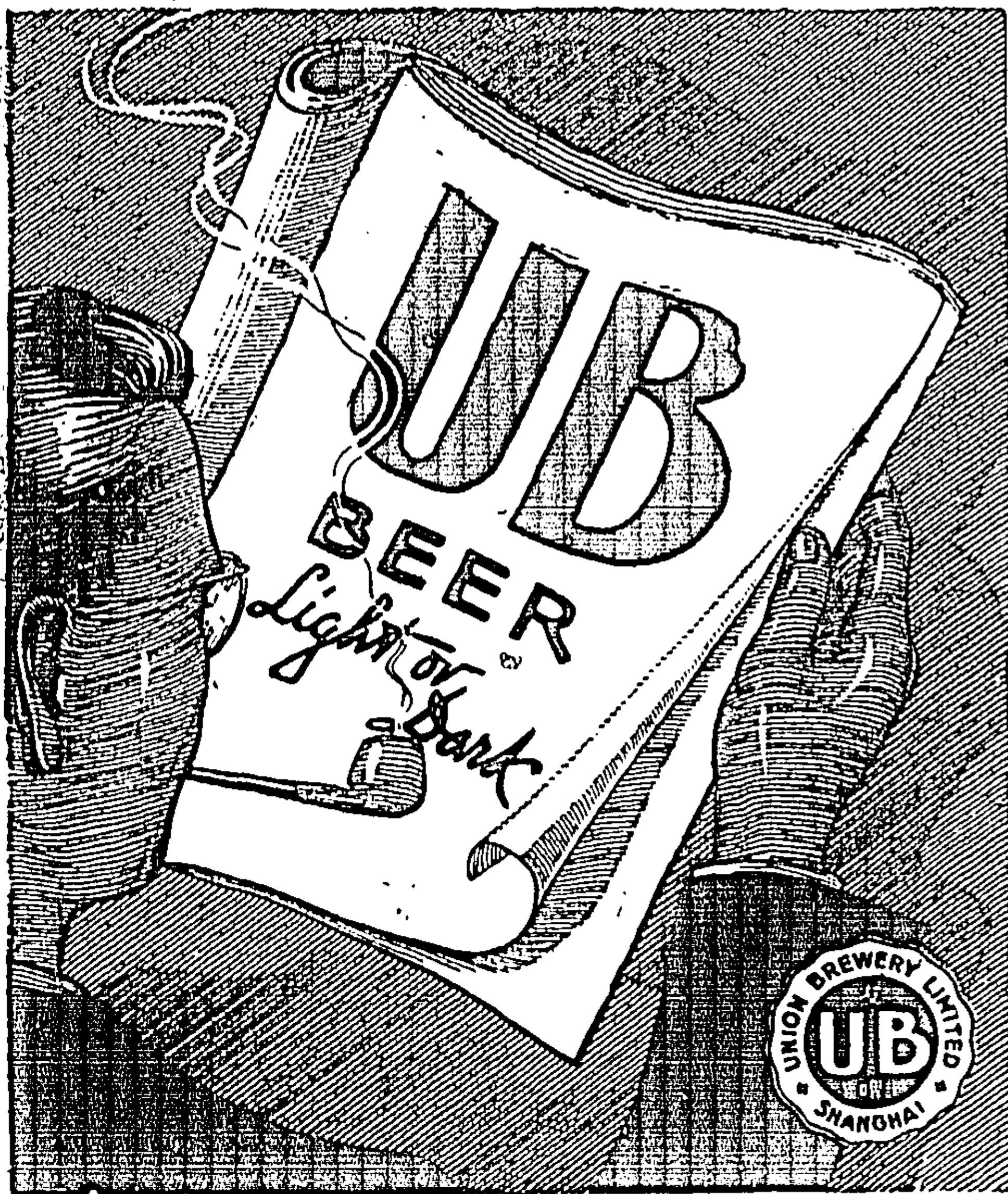
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Imperial War Cabinet Issue

(By Reuter's Political Correspondent)

THERE HAS BEEN MUCH DISCUSSION IN POLITICAL CIRCLES ON THE QUESTION OF DOMINION PARTICIPATION IN THE DIRECTION OF THE WAR, AND POINT HAS BEEN LENT TO THIS DISCUSSION BY THE RECENT PROCEEDINGS IN AUSTRALIA.

In regard to the question of an Imperial War Cabinet, it is felt that admirable though such a suggestion is in theory, it presents enormous difficulties in practice.

Reference is continually made to the Imperial War Cabinet in the last war but in fact that Cabinet only met three times, once in 1917 and twice in 1918. It was in fact a gathering of Dominion Prime Ministers.

There have been attempts during this war to arrange for similar meetings of Dominion Prime Ministers but up to the present it has not been found possible to get them all in Britain at the same time.

It must be remembered that there is a very full inter-communication between the various Dominion Governments and Britain.

Moreover the Dominion Secretary attends every meeting of the War Cabinet and there is a meeting every day between the Dominion Secretary and the High Commissioners, who are given a very full account of what is going on.

There is also a stream of telegrams between Britain and the various British High Commissioners in the Dominions and from them to Britain.

In Practice

Another suggestion which has been discussed is that a visiting Prime Minister should also be a member of the War Cabinet.

Although there are certain technical difficulties in this proposal, as in the case of the United Kingdom War Cabinet, in practice any visiting Prime Minister attends the War Cabinet and takes part in all discussions except those of a purely domestic nature, and the fact that he is a Dominion Premier gives him special authority on his own.

The proposal has also been made that there should be Dominion Ministers attending the War Cabinet but the point is made, what powers they should be given by their Governments.

Fears Of Delay

A Prime Minister can bind his Government but that would not be the position of any other Minister, who would presumably have to refer back for approval of any important matter that might arise, with all the consequences of delay and also the fact that to a considerable extent he would be duplicating the present function of the High Commissioners.

IT IS QUITE CERTAIN THAT A PROPOSAL THAT ONE DOMINION MINISTER SHOULD REPRESENT THE OTHER DOMINIONS WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE OTHER DOMINIONS.

Each Dominion has its own point of view on the various problems that arise and it can and does express it.

This difficulty might be solved by the appointment of Ministers from all the Dominions to attend the War Cabinet but already criticism is being made in the country that the War Cabinet is too large as at present constituted.

There has been some discussion on the part played by General Smuts in the last war but he did not represent either the Dominions or South Africa. He was invited by Mr. Lloyd George on account of his qualities as a soldier and statesman, and it was in his own individual capacity that he acted in the War Cabinet. That situation would not apply to people who came to Britain now as representatives of the Dominions.

Full Collaboration

Australia is the only Dominion that is showing any interest in this matter at the moment.

Aim of the Government in London is to secure the fullest possible collaboration with the Dominions.

Apart from the meeting of Dominion Premiers, which it is still hoped will be held when circumstances permit, there is no idea at present of summoning an Imperial Conference.

Such a conference, however, would be held when it was felt necessary to deal with the many problems coming up for settlement at the end of the war. — Reuter.

N.Z. TANK BRIGADE

The Defence Minister of New Zealand, Mr. C. W. Jones, yesterday announced the proposed formation of a New Zealand Army Tank Brigade for overseas, and the establishment of an armoured vehicles fighting school.

Experienced personnel, returning from overseas, and officers are being lent by the British War Office to act as instructors.

The training of the Brigade will be starting soon and will be continued in advanced form when the Brigade joins the expeditionary force. Three of the British officers will be from the Royal Armoured Corps.—Reuter.

SOVIET SECRECY

Asked whether any naval aid is being prepared for Russia, the U.S. Secretary of Navy, Col. Frank Knox, replied at a press conference in Washington yesterday, that he had nothing in mind.

He replied negatively to questions as to whether he planned to send a naval officer to the forthcoming Moscow talks, or an additional Naval Attaché to the Moscow Embassy.

As regards the war in Russia, Col. Knox said that the Government had made repeated futile requests to be allowed to send American observers to the fighting zone.

"I WISH YOU FELLOWS WOULD TRY TO WORK ON JOE STALIN TO GET SOME OBSERVERS TO THE FRONT," HE CONCLUDED.—REUTER.

BOMBAY GREET'S MORE ITALIANS

A Bombay message states that 1,200 Italian prisoners, including one general and over 500 officers have arrived in that port. — Reuter.

CLYDE'S OFFER OF NEW HOOD

Clydeside may present to the nation a new battleship Hood.

Glasgow alone, it is pointed out, can supply iron and steel to build the main structures of two ships of the Hood size by giving up useless railings.

A city-wide clearance would provide 50,000-60,000 tons of excellent iron and steel.

More Charges Lodged

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Six more charges of embezzling pistols and ammunition have been filed against Sam Titlebaum, former U.S. Deputy Marshal in Shanghai, by the District Attorney.

This raises the number of counts against the imprisoned erstwhile Deputy Marshal to 12.

As no American lawyer is willing to take on the case it is expected that counsel will be appointed by the court.

Titlebaum, former newspaperman and member of the Chicago police, is accused of raiding the armoury at the Marshal's office and selling guns and ammunition to the notorious Wang Ching-wei secret police organisation in the "badlands."—International News Service.

OIL TANKER POOL

THE OPERATION OF ALL AMERICAN TANKERS HAS BEEN BROUGHT UNDER GOVERNMENT DIRECTION THROUGH THE CREATION OF A TANKER CONTROL BOARD. IT WAS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY.

The Board will co-ordinate their allocation and utilisation.

An official stated there is no intention to commandeer tankers but the Board would pool ships and direct operations, with a view to ensuring greater efficiency.—Reuter.

NURSES IN ADDIS ABABA

A Red Cross unit is to start a permanent hospital at Addis Ababa. Two British doctors, several native dressers and dispensers and four British nurses from England will form the staff.

JAPAN'S ATTEMPT TO HALT SUPPLIES VIA VLADIVOSTOK

THE JAPANESE Government's "protest" to the United States against the delivery of war materials via Vladivostok (according to a Japanese report) was more in the nature of a representation.

It asked for consideration of Japan's position in relation to the Axis alliance, the Soviet neutrality pact and the United States restrictions of exports to Japan, it is learned in authoritative quarters in Tokyo.

Although reminded that shipments to Russia are clearly intended for use against the Nazis rather than against Japan, officials in Tokyo have retorted: "Who can guarantee that?"

The representations are said to have been made several days ago.

Freedom Of Seas

Mr. Cordell Hull, United States Secretary of State, at his press conference in Washington yesterday, made it plain that the United States adhered to the freedom of the seas policy in connection with the shipment of war supplies to Russia through the Pacific.

Asked whether the United States would insist on the freedom of the seas in carrying out the shipments despite Japanese objections, Mr. Cordell Hull replied that until that policy is revoked, it must be assumed to be in effect.

Regarding the possibility that Japan will make formal representations to the United States concerning shipments to Vladivostok, Mr. Cordell Hull said he would leave any statement in that connection to the Foreign Office in Tokyo.

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OFFICIAL CIRCLES IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY DISCLAIMED KNOWLEDGE OF ANY FORMAL JAPANESE REPRESENTATIONS CONCERNING AMERICAN SHIPMENTS OF WAR SUPPLIES TO SOVIET RUSSIA BY WAY OF VLADIVOSTOK.

Official quarters indicate that if there have been any discussions of this nature they arose only from informal Japanese enquiries. — Reuter.

Freedom Of The Sea

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

After conferring with M. Oumansky, the Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Cordell Hull yesterday indicated the U.S. intends to insist on the freedom of the seas policy in supplying Russia.

Asked whether he felt that shipments of American supplies to Vladivostok were a potential threat to Japanese security, Admiral Nomura, the Japanese Ambassador, replied "I leave that to your judgment."

Diplomatic quarters in Washington foresee that American "military brains" will directly help in the Chinese and Russian campaigns. — International News Service.

DE GAULLE OFFER TO AMERICA

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

Interest in the position of the West African ports continues in London so that a report from America last night that General de Gaulle had offered to put the Free French ports in Africa at the disposal of the U.S. as a naval base, presumably to counteract German influence at Dakar, was read with attention.

Free French Headquarters in London stated they had no knowledge of such an offer though in any case, the decision would be made by the General himself at Brazzaville.

From what is known of the General's views, however, it was thought that if America considered these ports would prove useful to the United States, the Free French would gladly place them at America's disposal. — Reuter.

Modern Army In U.S.

United States army units participating in the Pacific - Northwest manoeuvres are "far, far ahead" of any divisions sent to France in the last war, declared the United States Secretary for War, Mr. Henry Stimson, at a press conference in Tacoma yesterday.

Mr. Stimson was an artillery Colonel in France during the last war.

Both he and General Marshall, United States Chief of Staff, expressed approval of the military training which the troops in the Far East are receiving.

General Marshall declared that the Army could not be caught unprepared if it was suddenly called on to expand again.

"Sites are being selected and preliminary surveys are being made for 20 more cantonments. If the need arises we will be in a position to start building immediately." — Reuter.

ADMIRAL NOMURA RETICENT

The Japanese Ambassador, Admiral Nomura, told reporters when he arrived in Washington for his conference with Mr. Cordell Hull that he was not bringing a formal representation.

After the conference he stated a number of questions had been discussed but he was reticent on the subject of Russian shipments. — Reuter.

R.A.F. HAVOC IN COLOGNE

Reports have now reached London from Germany of the great destruction which R.A.F. attacks have caused in the important industrial and transport centre of Cologne.

Tuesday night's heavy raid on Cologne certainly added to this destruction.

This month it was noticed that for the first time German newspapers and the German censorship were forced to reveal something of the destruction caused in the city by recent attacks.

Theatres which had advertised future programmes suddenly cancelled them, alternative methods of travel were advertised and there were many notices of offices transferred to new addresses.

From various reliable sources it is now learned that the Sifstall district, in the south of the city near the Rhine harbour, was without gas or water for a week.

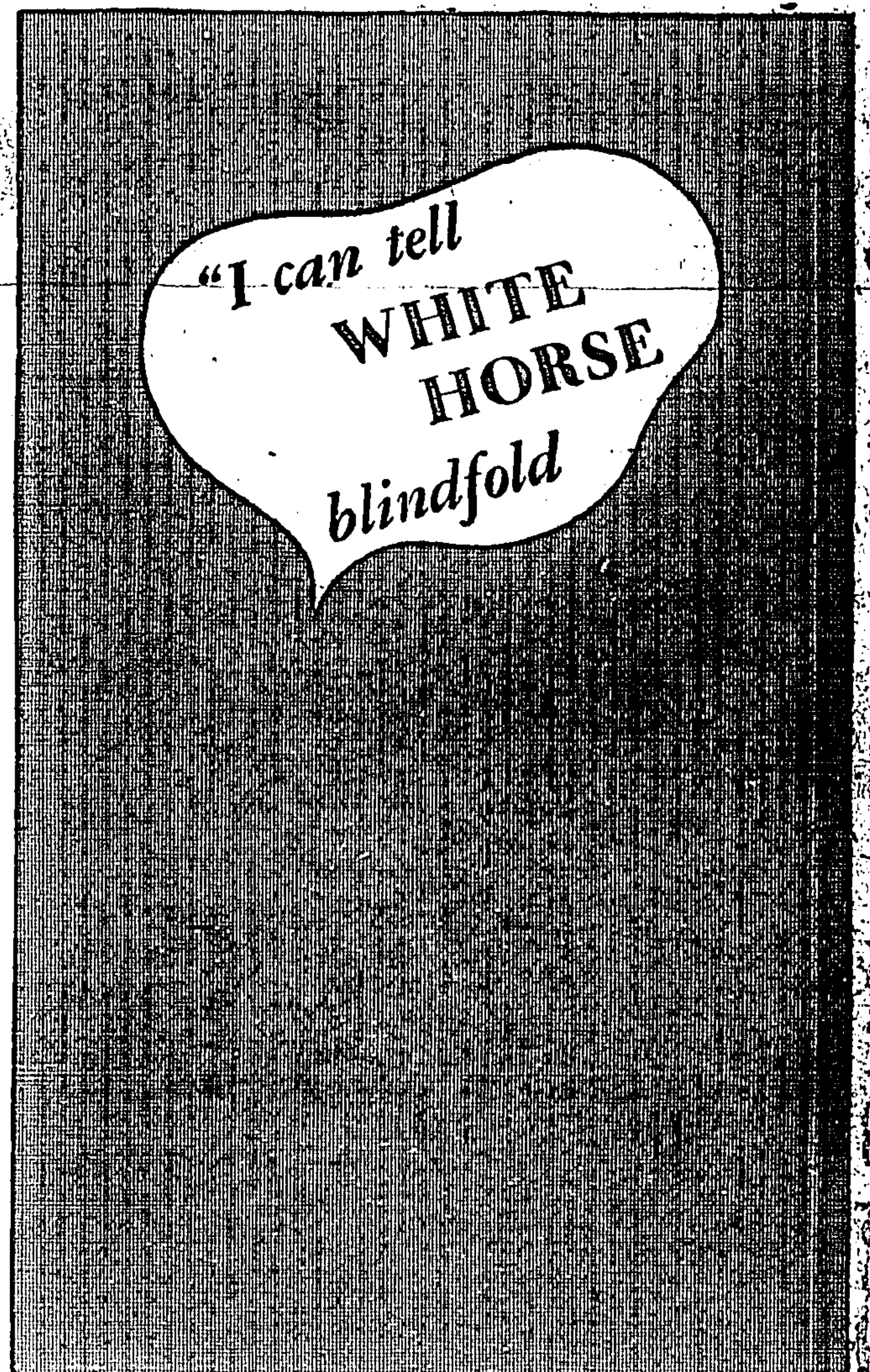
On one night in July at least 100 goods wagons were destroyed and many trucks and carriages were still burning in the morning. Several warehouses of the Rhine Shipping Company were burnt out or badly damaged.

On the same night in July over 500 houses in the industrial quarters were demolished.

A few nights later great damage was done to the main railway station and adjoining buildings. In another attack the railway yard was so effectively bombed that later reconnaissance showed that no sorting was in progress in the yard, with a capacity of 6,000 wagons daily, and the main artery for traffic southwards from Cologne was effectively cut. — British Wireless.

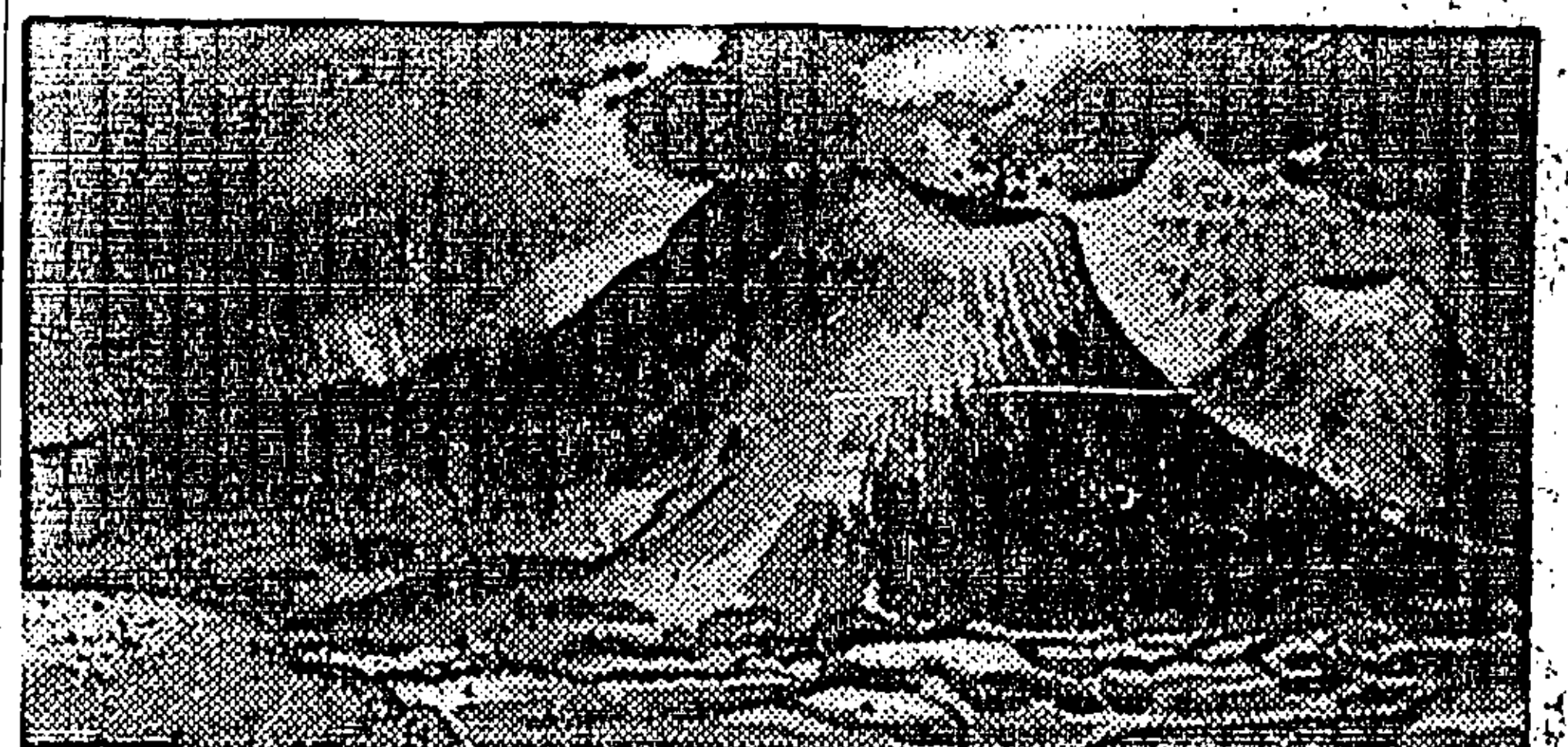
LOITERING CHARGE

Ho, Ng, 23, unemployed, was fined \$10, or three weeks' hard labour, by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning, for loitering in Hennessy Road at about 3.55 a.m. today.



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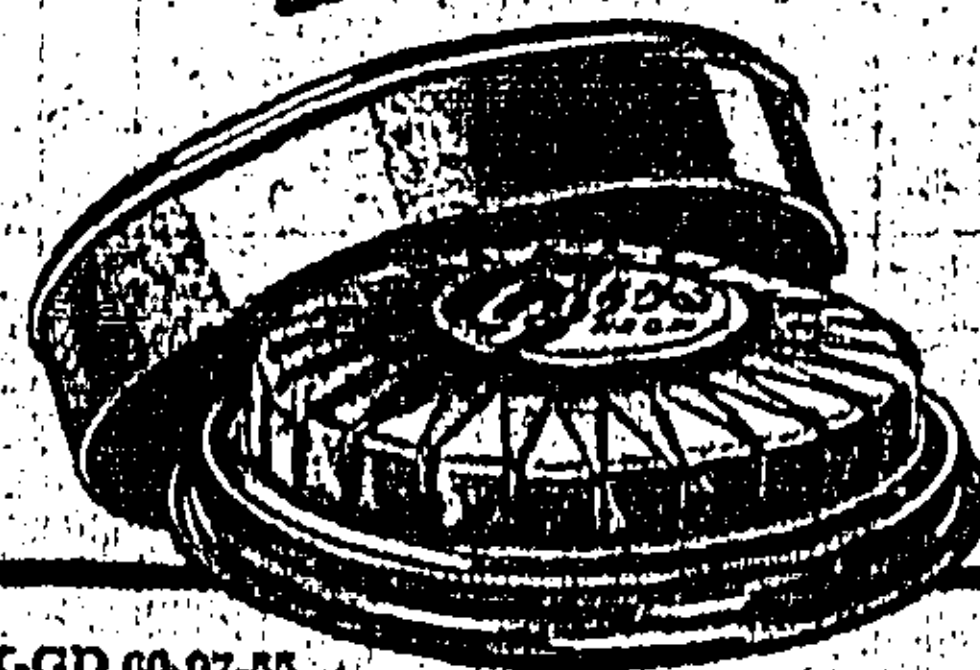
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Hong Kong, 26th August, 1941.

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TUESDAY, 2nd, September, 1941, commencing at 5.15 p.m. at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road, Central, 2nd Floor.

A VALUABLE COLLECTION OF POSTAGE STAMPS.

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also

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS



PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 1st day of September, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Kau Pui Shek, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1		Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4316 Junction of Kowloon City Road and Kau Pui Shek Road, Kau Pui Shek	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 2,358	\$28
									\$1,769

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$177.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.



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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
2		New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2874 Junction of Shun Ning Road and Fat Young Street, Cheung Sha Wan.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 2,400	\$4
									\$1,440

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$144.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.



PUBLIC AUCTION

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
3		Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4317 Tong Mi Road, Tai Kok Tsui, South of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1251	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 10,000	\$184
									\$20,000

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$2,000.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

EVACUATION REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE

A Public Meeting will be held in the Rose Room, Peninsula Hotel, on THURSDAY, 28th August, at 6 p.m. Husbands, relatives of evacuees and all interested are invited to attend.

(sd) W. V. TAYLOR, Acting Hon. Secretary.

Evacuation Representation Committee.

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READING THE BIDDING

By The Four Aces

"Please tell us," requests a Miami reader, "how this slam should have been bid:

North, Dealer

Both sides vulnerable

NORTH

♠ A K J 4
♥ A K 9 6 3
♦ 5
♣ K 9 8

WEST

♠ 10 9 6 5
♥ J 2
♦ K Q J 6 2
♣ 5 4

EAST

♠ 8 7 2
♥ 10 7 5 4
♦ A 9 8 4
♣ 7 2

SOUTH

♠ Q 3
♥ Q 8
♦ 10 7 3
♣ A Q J 10 6 3

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♣	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

"North didn't see how he could bid any more; after all, he had made a reverse bid, followed by a jump raise of South's suit. And South was reluctant to bid the Slam with three small diamonds — especially since a diamond opening lead was practically a certainty. Please advise us how we should have bid it."

We agree that North couldn't bid any more, since North had to stretch a bit to find a reverse bid and the jump raise in clubs. But South should have bid the slam without hesitation. Reading the bidding would have told South that North had no more than one diamond!

When North opened the bidding in hearts and later bid spades, he made the positive statement that he held more hearts than spades. The reverse should have told South that North had not only a strong hand but also five hearts and four spades. The jump raise in clubs had to be based on a three-card club holding, so North's three bids accounted for twelve of his thirteen cards. The thirteenth card might be a diamond (or North might have an extra club or heart) — but there could be only one diamond in the North hand.

South could therefore have known that North held at least two Aces and a King in the major suits plus the King of clubs and only one diamond at most. In combination with the South hand, that dummy would obviously offer either a cinch or a good play for twelve tricks.

* * *

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ A K 10 9 7 6
♥ A 9 4
♦ K 10 4 2,
♣ —

The bidding:

Jacoby	You	Moller	Schenken
1♣	Pass	2♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

ANSWER: Double. This is a takeout double and requires your partner to bid his longest suit. A jump to two spades would be almost as good, but you must make one of these strong bids to show your strength.

Score 100% for double, 80% for two spades, 30% for one spade.

Question No. 806

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby	You	Moller	Schenken
1♣	Pass	2♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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ROTARY IN BRITAIN

It is announced in London that Mr. Thomas Jefferson Davis, one of the most prominent Rotarians in the United States and President of Rotary International, will shortly arrive in Britain to study the British Rotary movement under war conditions. Mr. Davis will be the guest of the British association. —British Wireless.

ITALY'S LOSS IN SARDINIA

CORK IS A VALUABLE COMMERCIAL COMMODITY AND THE DESTRUCTION OF A FOREST IN SARDINIA IS QUITE A MATERIAL LOSS TO NAZI INDUSTRY.

Although cork produced in that island is inferior in quality to the product of Portugal and Spain, where the world's main supply comes from, the Sardinia article has a high value for Germany at the present moment.

Owing to its extreme lightness cork is very uneconomical to transport by land. This makes it difficult for Germany to obtain sufficient for her requirements over the long congested railways which connect her with Spain and Portugal.

Other sources of supply are therefore being exploited to the full and have assumed an importance out of proportion to their actual volume of production.

Considerable quantities of cork are used for insulating purposes in cold storage plants which Germany, like other belligerents, is actively trying to extend so as to increase food reserves.

Cork is also required for items such as washers, gaskets and friction linings, particularly in aeroplanes, where its lightness is obviously valuable. —British Wireless.

POLISH PILOT'S DUCK MASCOT

A superstitious Polish Sgt.-Pilot, seeking a mascot, saw an Aylesbury duck swimming on a pond at an airport where he was stationed. To him the duck meant luck, and though it belonged to a police-constable he took it away with him. The pilot, who recently shot down a German plane, was charged with stealing the duck, which was valued at 12s. The constable told the Bench: "I do not think he wanted the duck as food. I really think that he took it away for a mascot." An officer who acted as the sergeant's interpreter said that Polish airmen were very superstitious and liked mascots. He did not think that the sergeant intended to steal the duck. The case was dismissed on payment of 5s costs, which one of the magistrates offered to pay "in view of the fact that he shot down a German plane."

R.A.F. PILOT GETS D.S.O.

Amongst the latest list of R.A.F. awards is that of a bar to the D.S.O. gained by Group Captain Francis Beamish who, between October, 1940 and March, 1941, carried out 71 operational sorties.

Official notice of the award states that "the courage and devotion to duty displayed by Group Captain Beamish are of the highest order and he has set a magnificent example."

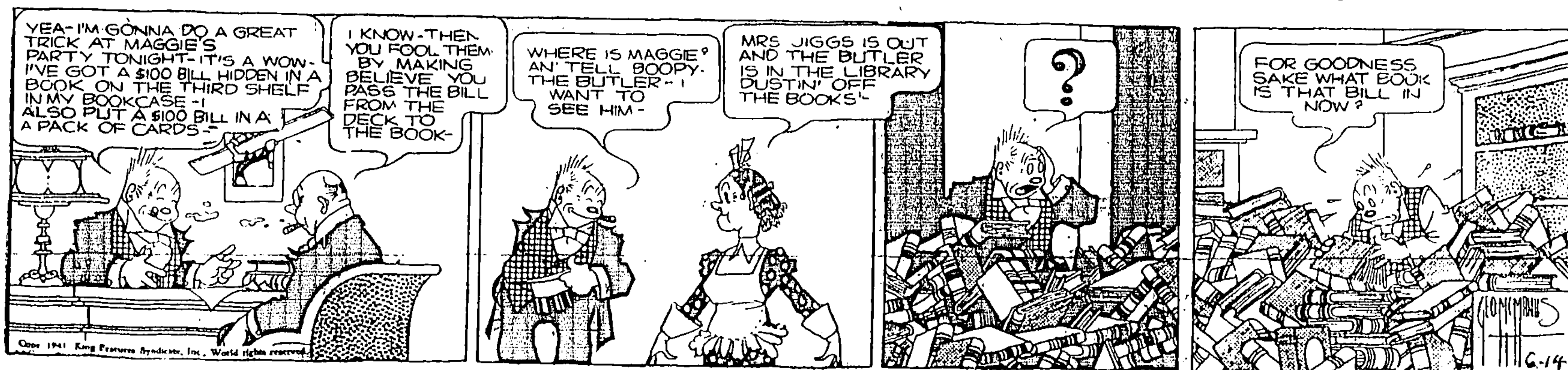
Beamish, who was born in Cork, entered the R.A.F. in 1925 and gained the A.F.C. in 1938. He was awarded the D.S.O. in July, 1940, and the D.F.C. in November, 1940. —British Wireless.

THEFT OF WIRE

ONE MONTH'S HARD LABOUR WAS IMPOSED BY MAJOR A. N. MACFADYEN AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING ON LAI TANG, 22, AND CHAN MAK, 18, FOR STEALING TWO COILS OF ELECTRIC WIRE FROM NO. 401, SHANGHAI STREET ON TUESDAY.

Accused were separately charged. According to Det.-Sgt. McVey, first accused, an employee of the shop, stole the wire on Tuesday and placed it in the luge at the back of the shop with the intention of returning for it later. Second accused took it away, but was arrested by one of the shop's tokis, who saw him leaving the lane with wire in his hands.

First accused was arrested later.



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

TOMATO JUICE—
a great hot day
Refresher

Dorothy Greig

WHEN you drop in to see a certain friend of mine on a hot day, the first thing she does is hand you a tall frosty glass of tomato juice.

Mary gives everyone tomato juice—cold, lively and tangy right from cans kept chilling in her refrigerator. Her children coming in hot and thirsty get it. And her husband declares she moves him at the clock in the evening with a glass of it for him in her hand.



"There's nothing to equal tomato juice as a real perk-up," she says cheerfully. She's right, of course. Besides, tomato juice is one drink appropriate for any meal and for serving any time of day or night. Tomato juice is refreshing, too, any way you take it—fresh and cold as it pours from the can, or mixed as a cocktail. For instance, here are two delicious hot weather cocktails:

Tomato-Vegetable Cocktail

1 can (14 oz.) tomato juice
1 tablespoon watercress finely chopped
1 teaspoon chives, finely chopped
1 tablespoon lime juice
1 teaspoon sugar
1 pinch of salt

Remove watercress leaves from stems and chop very fine. Combine tomato juice, chopped watercress, chopped chives, lime juice, sugar and salt. Mix thoroughly and chill. Makes 2 glasses.

Tomato-Grapefruit Juice Cocktail

1 can (14 oz.) tomato juice
½ cup grapefruit juice (unsweetened)
1 teaspoon sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
Mix the tomato juice, grapefruit juice, sugar and salt. Chill and serve. Makes 2 glasses.



The mentally sketchy girl-friend thinks when her beau says he's been riding the crest of the tide he means he's taken up sailing.

He Likes to Be Asked

One of the great mistakes that wives make in dealing with their husbands is in not considering the pride of man in being a man.

If a wife will defer to her husband's pride in being the head of the house and minister to it, she may do whatsoever she will. For he hasn't the slightest desire to be a grinding tyrant. All he wants is a little incense burned before him.

Ninety-nine times out of a hundred, when a wife asks her husband's advice about whether she shall have the living room in pink or green, he tells her to do what she wants to do.

He doesn't care, but he wants to be consulted. He likes the little gesture of subservience, and

it is a small price to pay for a good husband.

Middle-aged women are often wailing about having lost their husbands' love.

This happens because the wife has trampled her husband's pride into the dust.

All of us know wives who haven't even the decency to save their husbands' faces by doing their tyrannising in private.

It is always "my" house, "my" car, even "my" children. And she orders the meals at restaurants, without reference to her husband's taste. She tells him where to sit, and generally treats him like a half-witted office boy.

We also know plenty of other wives who do not hesitate to criticize their husbands and ridicule all of their peculiarities.

They will tell perfect strangers that John had few advantages of education in his youth, or that he drinks too much, or that he just doesn't seem to have any faculty for getting along in the world.

Can you wonder that a man's pride is cut to the quick in knowing that his wife considers him a failure or that she is ashamed of him because he hasn't Mayfair table manners or a vocabulary like an Oxford professor?

man-to-be pounce upon her without much ceremony and drag her to a corner of the garden, where a dozen buckets of cold water are ready in a row.

Before she can move, bucket number one has soaked her, and so it goes on until all her starched petticoats are nothing but sadly hanging rags.

But to show that her ardour and devotion have not been cooled, she rushes back to the house to prepare a lusty meal for the men-folk, for which she is allowed to change into dry clothes.

Love Under
The Axis

To please a man these days, a girl must have the beauty of Helen of Troy, the riches of the Queen of Sheba and the artfulness of Cleopatra. But in Rumania she must possess one more quality to get her man; she must be — chill-proof!

In some parts of the country Miss Rumania is "watered" during the time of wooing, just like the flowers in her garden.

In early spring the groom arrives with a couple of stout friends and starts the ceremony.

The young woman does not put in an appearance before she has donned two dozen of her rainbow coloured petticoats in the vain hope that this might keep off the worst of the cold shower that awaits her.

When she comes forth eventually the stout friends of her

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



— and it's a garment you won't see on every Fido, Rex and Rover!

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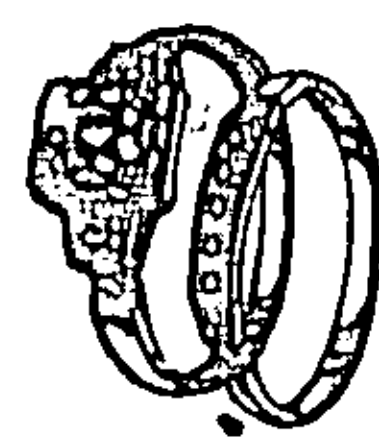
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6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m.—Eagle Ackland (Contralto) and The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra. "Masaniello". Overture (Auber).
The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra.
Here In The Quiet Hills (Carnegie).
Whatever Is, Is Best (Lohr).
Eagle Ackland with Orchestra.
Marche Slave, Op. 31 (Tchikovsky).
The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra.
Song Of Sleep (Somerset).
Eagle Ackland with Orchestra.
Menuetto and Trio (3rd Mov. from Symphony No. 1 in C Major, Op. 21—Beethoven).
The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra.
7.20 p.m.—Rachmaninoff—Concerto No. 3 in D Minor, Op. 30.
1st Mov. Allegro; 2nd Mov. Intermezzo; Adagio; 3rd Mov. Allegro.
Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) & The Philadelphia Orchestra.
8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.
8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.
8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.
8.32 p.m.—The London Piano-Accordeon Band and Les Allen (Vocal).
One Night In Monte Carlo (Silver, Sherman & Lewis). There'll Never Be Another You (Harry Woods).
The London Piano-Accordeon Band.
Dear Little Boy Of Mine (Brennan & Ball). Les Allen with Sidney Torch (Organ).
An Old Hawaiian Guitarr (Leon & Towers). On The Beach At Bali-Bali (Sherwin, Silver & Meskill).
The London Piano-Accordeon Band.
Scen' Is Believin' (Adams & Agel). Rehearsing A Lullaby (Sigler, Goodhart, Hoffman). Les Allen with Carroll Gibbons (Piano) & his Boy Friends.
Let The Curtain Come Down (Newman). The London Piano-Accordeon Band.
9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
9.02 p.m.—Studio—"To-night We Present". A Review of New Records.
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
9.45 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.
Flatterkaiser (Flekkle Fancey). Dellien (Jos Strauss, arr. Hohnel). Orchestra Mascotte.
Blossom Dreams. Orchestra Mascotte.
Hydropathen Waltz (Jos. Gungl). Vienna Boheme Orchestra.
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.
Slow Fox-Trot—Chez Moi; Quick-Step—Angry. Oscar Rabin & his Strict Tempo Dance Band.
Fox-Trot—Song Of The Wanderer (Where Shall I Go?). South Rampart Street Parade. Bob Crosby & his Orchestra.
Tango—Elegante Papirusa; Malinconia. Bernado Alemany & his Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—Bouncing The Black-out. Barney Bilbraith & his Coconut Grove Quartet.
Fox-Trot—I'm Spending Christmas With The Old Folks; Slow Fox-Trot—There'll Come Another Day. Sydney Lipton & his Grosvenor House Dance Orchestra.
Swing Fox-Trot—Don't Fall Asleep. Artie Shaw & his New Orch.
Fox-Trot—A New Moon And An Old Serenade; Waltz—The Shabby Old Cabbie. Billy Cotton & his Band.
Fox-Trot—You Never Miss The Old Faces (Till You're Far Away From Home). Quick-Step—It's A Lovely Day Tomorrow. Jack Hylton & his Orchestra.
11.00 p.m.—London—"War Correspondents".
11.15 p.m.—Close down.

INDIA'S CENSUS

PRELIMINARY CENSUS RETURNS OF INDIA'S POPULATION TAKEN EARLY THIS YEAR DISCLOSE AN INCREASE IN INDIA'S POPULATION BY 46 MILLION OVER THE FIGURES OF 1931, AND POSSIBLY AN ACTUAL INCREASE OF 60 MILLION.

Although it is generally unofficially assumed that India's population numbered 400 million, the census reveals a mere 389 million, being 11 million short in India alone.

The 1931 census showed that the 353 million included Burma with about 14½ million.—Reuter.

N.E.I. IMPORTS

THE UNITED STATES TOOK FIRST PLACE IN EXPORTS TO THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES IN 1940, ACCORDING TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BRITISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES YESTERDAY. STATES A LONDON MESSAGE.

Japan retained second place, Holland took third place, and Great Britain went from fifth to fourth place. Germany fell from fourth to eighth place, shipping goods to the value of some nine million guilders.—Reuter.

BRITAIN OUSTS NAZIS IN TURKISH TRADE

LATEST AUTHORITATIVE information about Anglo-Turkish trade indicates Britain has definitely replaced Germany as Turkey's most important trade partner.

The Germans have of course been making great efforts to further their trade with Turkey and by economic penetration to influence that country as they did the Balkans but in this case they have failed.

During the first year of war Germany sent Turkey 10,300 tons of goods valued at £T8 million or 11.7% by value of Turkey's total imports, whereas Britain sent 20,600 tons worth £T9,665,000 or 14%.

During five months January to May, 1941, Germany sent 6,800 tons worth £T4,836,000 or 14.7% of the value of Turkey's imports, while Britain sent 18,000 tons worth £T7 million or 21.6%.

The British Government are very much alive to the importance of furthering Anglo-Turkish trade and in spite of transport difficulties are steadily delivering goods and giving high priority in shipping and supply to Turkey's essential requirements.

Not only is Britain exporting goods (machinery, locomotives, war materials and general cargo) to Turkey but is also assisting in the shipment of essential goods, such as oil from other parts of the world which the Turks require.

The British are also buying an even-increasing quantity of Turkish products (olive oil, mohair, oil-seeds) including many which would be of great value to the enemy.

U.S. Playing Part

Anglo-American cooperation is also playing an increasing part in furthering Turkey's trade collaboration with the Democracies.

All Turkey's rubber and motor tyres now come from Allied or American sources as well as her hides, petrol, tin, copper and sulphates. All Turkish chrome (a notable German deficiency) is now taken by the U.S.A.

Since the German attack on Russia, Turkey's oil from Rumania has been interrupted and the Democracies have been responsible for supplying Turkish requirements.

Much of this trade is carried on in Turkish ships of which good numbers continue to sail to Egypt in spite of Italian attempts to sink them.

Britain views with equanimity the continuance of certain exchanges between Turkey and Axis-occupied countries as it is uneconomic for Britain to supply certain goods essential to the maintenance of Turkish economy—the objective of British policy towards Turkey.—British Wire-less.

BOMBER DOWNS BOMBER

Pilot Off. J. A. J. Bailey, whose skilful manoeuvring enabled his rear gunner to destroy a JU 88 over the North Sea, while they were on their way to bomb an important target at Hamburg receives the D.F.C. in a list of awards:

Bar to D.F.C.—Flt. Lt. J. E. McFall.
D.F.C.—Sqn. Ldr. A. T. Sanders; Actg. Sqn. Ldr. R. O. M. Graham; Actg. Flt. Lt. E. B. Mortimer-Roose; Fly. Off. R. L. F. Day; Pilot Off. F. C. A. Lanning; Actg. Flt. Lt. C. Raymond.

D.F.M.—Sgt. J. R. Bushell; Sgt. B. G. Cooke.
Sqn. Ldr. Sanders was the navigator of one of four bombers which in 1938 broke the world record for a long-distance non-stop formation flight by flying 4,300 miles from Cranwell to Ismailia, Egypt.

LOCAL SHARES.

H.K. GOVT. LOANS

3½% Loan (1934) 98 b. \$99 sa.

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INSURANCES

Canton Ins. \$225 b.

Union Ins. \$425 b. \$430 sa.

H.K. Fire Ins. \$185 b.

SHIPPING

H.K. Steamboats \$8½ b.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.

H.K. and K. Wharves \$90 b.

H.K. and Docks \$16 b.

Providents \$6.15 b. \$6¼ sa.

LANDS, HOTEL & BLDGS.

H.K. and S. Hotels \$3.45 b. \$3.65 sa.

Chinese Estates \$101 b.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

H.K. Tramways \$16.70 b. \$17.10 sa.

Yaumati Ferries \$22¼ b.

China Lights (New) \$1.30 b.

H.K. Electrics (Old) \$21.80 b.

H.K. Electrics Rights \$10.90 b. \$11 sa.

Telephones (O'd) \$23 b. \$23½ sa.

Telephones (New) \$8½ b.

INDUSTRIALS

Cements \$14.80 b. \$15 sa.

H.K. Ropes \$9 sa.

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms \$18¼ b.

MISCELLANEOUS

Entertainments \$6½ b.

LAST DAY'S SALES

\$10,000 H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan @ 99

5 H.K. Banks @ \$1425

10 Union Ins. @ \$430

500 Providents @ \$6¼

100 Trams @ \$16.80

1,000 Electrics Rts. @ \$11

200 Cements @ \$15

1,050 Ropes @ \$9

JUNK CONSPIRACY CHARGE

Charged with conspiracy, Chung Kwai-loi, 27, master of trading junk No. T1506H, Wu Pak-hung, 50, and Siu Shui, 28, were remanded for 48 hours by Major A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning.

Accused were alleged to have conspired to steal 60 bags of fertilizer, 16 cases of matches, and 950 bean cakes, property of the Hung Lee Hing Company.

NOW HE'S GOT TIME FOR REFLECTION!

Shouting "I'm anti-Roosevelt—Heil Hitler!" John Callahan was charged at Buffalo, New York, with being drunk and disorderly. The Magistrate: Thirty days. Callahan: I'm still of the same opinion. The Magistrate: But, I've changed mine. Do sixty days.

NEW GOVERNOR OF BERMUDA

Viscount Knollys has been appointed Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Bermuda, succeeding Lieut-General Sir Denis Kirwin Bernard, whose resignation has been accepted by the King. The appointment follows the recent decision that the governor should be a civilian.—Reuter.

CHAIN STOLEN

The Chief Officer of a British ship, in port has reported the theft of 352 feet of one-inch chain, valued at £20, from the ship yesterday.

INDIAN MARKET CLOSED TO BRITISH BLOODSTOCK

British owners and breeders of thoroughbreds have received a setback by the announcement that the chief shipping companies who convey livestock to India have given notice that for the duration of the war they cannot accept any more livestock for British India ports, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras. The ban also applies to Ceylon and the Malay States.

The closing of this market is a serious blow to owners and breeders, and it means that there is now virtually no outlet for the sale of geldings abroad. Indian patrons have always raced a large number of these which are, of course, of no use from the breeding point of view.

India, too, has always been a big buyer of English thoroughbreds. No fewer than 191 racehorses were sent from England from the outbreak of war to the end of 1940. Reuter.

"Y" BEAT M'SEX. "A"

Results of matches in the European Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water Polo Tournament at the "Y" Pool last night were:

Y.M.C.A. 4	Middlesex "A" 2
A.F. May (2)	Buden (2)
R. Goldman and	
N.D. Booker	
Signals 4	Middlesex "B" 0
Allen (2) and	
Dignan (2)	
Navy "B" 4	965th Batt., R.A. 0
Rutter (2),	
Thompson and	
Barnett	

TO-NIGHT'S GAMES

Following is to-night's water-polo programme in the European Y.M.C.A. Invitation Tournament:

At Navy Pool	
Royal Navy "B" v Combined S. Units	(5 p.m.)
Royal Navy "C" v 36th R.A.	(5.30 p.m.)
At Army Pool	
9th R.A. v European Y.M.C.A.	(6.30 p.m.)
Royal Scots "A" v Royal Scots "B"	(7 p.m.)
5th A.A. v 965th R.A.	(7.30 p.m.)

McNEILL WINS

Don McNeill, the defending champion, defeated Ted Schroeder in straight sets to win the 25th Newport Casino Invitational Tennis Tournament at Newport, R.I., on August 16. The scores were: 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

GRID COACHES INVENTED BLITZ

AMERICA'S FOOTBALL COACHES, SAYS ONE OF THEM, WOULD KNOW HOW TO STOP A BLITZKRIEG—BECAUSE THEY INVENTED IT!

"Those fellows in Europe are just doing what we've been doing for years," declared Tulane's coach Red Dawson, sitting before an electric fan in his office.

He diagrammed tactics used in the Russo-German war, and compared them with plays he was outlining for his own autumn campaign.

War Of Position

"Football used to be a 'war of position,'" he said, "but changed to a 'war of movement' before you ever heard of a blitzkrieg. Teams used to lock horns and push until one of them would get a small lead, then would dig in to protect itself until the game wore out.

"Now it's all attack—get the ball, keep it, keep scoring.

"Instead of just pushing ahead you concentrate for a quick break-through, and follow that up. You use tricks and cross-blocks to flow around points of strong resistance. Your downfield blockers operate just as the advancing units of panzer divisions.

Passes To Surprise

"Passes were used before the Luftwaffe to surprise an enemy and soften up his ground resistance. Armies, which used to mass forces for weeks at one point and then push ahead, through sheer might, now strike suddenly anywhere like a deceptive football team."

Dawson compared the new "defence in depth" military theories to the five-man football line, with most of the strength in the secondary but ready to "come in and hit anywhere."

HARRY LAZAR AND KID BERG BEATEN AT ALBERT HALL

London, August 17. — London, and in particular the famous Albert Hall, scene of many memorable fights in the past, has come back into its own as a venue for big boxing.

It was quite like old times with "fans" clustered round the ring-side, betting like fury, when a very attractive programme featuring many topnotchers, including British welterweight champion, Ernie Roderick, was staged. This tournament followed a very successful amateur show, also staged at the Albert Hall.

The show, promoted by John Muldoon, in between his R.A.F. duties, was notable for the failures of two boxers who had been carrying all before them. Kid Berg, former British lightweight champion and who has been fighting for many years, was a gallant loser on points to Sergeant Ernie Roderick, of R.A.F., and Dave Crowley, dapper seasoned campaigner, turned the tables by beating the young East End idol, Harry Lazar, who had won a previous encounter.

Verdict Boomed

Berg, who is a corporal in the R.A.F. gave the champion quite a busy time with his whirling, non-stop tactics which stood him in good stead in the past, but he

SHANGHAI CRICKET

Scratch teams, representing Shanghai Cricket Club and Shanghai Recreation Club, engaged in a friendly cricket match on the former's ground last week, and just as the home team appeared well set for an easy win, rain interfered.

Batting first Rees. were dismissed for 139 of which E. J. Kidby claimed 35 and M. U. Mohideen 27. L. M. Wilson was in deadly form with the ball, taking 6 for 36 in 11.1 overs. Cricket Club had scored 83 for 3 when a heavy downpour prevented further play. E. A. Wiedman, 24 not out, being top-scorer with A. J. Harvey helping with 23. E. B. Brodd took 2 of the 3 Club wickets that fell for 26 runs.

ELECTRIC EYE FOR SCHOLASTIC TRACK MEETING

According to engineers of the General Electric Company, England, the electric eye, which is chiefly used in industry, is to be brought to the athletic arena.

It will record heights reached by pole vaulters and high jumpers, and will be first used in athletics at an inter-scholastic track meeting.—Reuter.

sadly lacked a telling punch. Roderick, cool and confident, attempted to keep the mauling Berg at arms' length and he often boxed his way out of difficulties with fine rights to the head.

Courage and stamina were not enough to beat such a good champion as Roderick and although the verdict was boomed in some quarters there was no doubt about his superiority.

As was generally expected, the affair between Crowley and Lazar produced "fireworks." It was a fast and brilliant contest in which Lazar, boxing with his usual confidence, did very well in the early rounds. But Crowley, who seems suddenly to have developed a punch, forced the pace later and a right to the jaw put Lazar down for a count of eight in the seventh round. Just before the end of the round he floored Lazar again, and it was fortunate for the latter that he had the interval in which to recover.

Boon's Challengers

Lazar was still a little dazed at the beginning of the next round, but he cleverly boxed his way out of trouble. Crowley, however, had further success in the ninth round, when he put Lazar on the canvas for nine. The last round was a thrilling affair, with Lazar doing all he knew to make up leeway and the fight ended in a grandstand finish, with the crowd on their toes, yelling wildly.

Lazar and Crowley are among the six boxers named by the Board of Control as challengers for Boon's title. The others are Benny Caplan, Dave Finn, Johnny Ward and Fred Simpson. All are topnotchers and deserve to fight for the title. Here is a splendid chance for some enterprising promoter. A series of bouts between these boxers, the winner to meet Boon, would provide some grand contests.—Reuter.

FOOTBALL HELMETS IN ARMY

Those Martian looking football headgears which Northwestern University's football team introduced last autumn have been adopted by the United States Army for the use of parachute troops in training at Fort Benning, Ga. John T. Riddell, former football coach at Evanston High School, who invented the helmets, has already supplied the troops with many of the new headgears.

The helmets are made of a tough plastic called tenite. While stronger than the former leather headgears, they are much lighter. By employing a system of headbands which suspend the helmet around the wearer's head, they provide greater safety and greater ventilation. It was this latter factor which proved popular with the Wildcat players.

The helmets came to the attention of the Army when they were placed on display in a Georgia sporting goods house. An Army parachute troop officer was attracted by the durability

of the headpiece and the device which kept the helmet "off the head" of the wearer. By making a few alterations, such as shortening the ear guards and attaching leather "curtains" at the front and rear, the parachute helmet was born.

Riddell, who turned out a string of championship eleven at Evanston High School in the early 20's, has been responsible for numerous innovations in football equipment. Early in his coaching career he began experimenting with removable, or interchangeable, football cleats. At that time wood cleats were nailed onto the shoes. The nails sometimes caused difficulty and the shoes were rarely good for more than one season.

One year Riddell bought football shoes without cleats and equipped them with hard rubber cleats which could be screwed on and off the soles. He brought the shoes to the attention of the Northwestern coaching staff, which adopted them, and now they are universally used. The idea proved so profitable that in 1927 Riddell gave up coaching to manufacture football shoes.

BRITISH A.A.A. ARE MOULDING FUTURE ATHLETES

BY ENCOURAGING JUNIOR TALENT, ENGLISH AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION ARE BUILDING FOR THE YEARS THAT LIE AHEAD—WHEN THE WAR IS OVER—AND THE JUNIORS, BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY OFFERED, ARE SHOWING THEIR APPRECIATION OF THE RULING BODY'S ORGANISATION ON THEIR BEHALF.

Middlesex junior championships attracted over 100 entries, 17 schools were represented at the Surrey secondary schools meeting while Hertfordshire, covering perhaps a less populated area than does Surrey, nevertheless had 13 schools represented at their championships.

Those three examples point to an increase in the amount of coaching which nowadays takes place at the school.

Versatile Youngster

One junior who has already shone is D. F. A. Vanhegan who, at the Middlesex junior championships, kept his shot put title with 40 ft. 3½ ins., won the long jump with 20 ft. 8 ins. and the furlong in 25.4 secs. apart from being second in the 100 yards, being just beaten at the tape. Such versatility, and good performances, suggest that he is one of those who will be heard of in senior events after the War.

The Tyrians, of London University, are one of the most active bodies in war-time athletics and they have already contested, with success, several matches this season. Former Cambridge University men, now attached to hospitals and eligible to assist the Tyrians, are R. A. Palmer, B. F. Brearley, H. C. Stil and P. Brangwin.

Cambridge Hurdler

Palmer was a hurdler at Cambridge but is now performing well at the 220 yards and 440 yards distances on the flat.

In the reverse direction R. B. Martin, formerly of London University Tyrians, is now at Oxford where, no doubt, every opportunity will be given him to add wartime "blue" honours to peacetime "purple," the latter being the athletic award for London University.

Martin hails from the West Indies and went to London University in 1938. He won championships there a year later apart from helping London to win the team title at an International Universities championship meeting in France.—Reuter.

U.S. AMATEUR

HIGH WIND PRODUCES HIGH SCORING

Play became much more difficult in the American Amateur Golf Championship yesterday owing to a high wind and, though Stewart Alexander increased his first-round score by 10 strokes for an aggregate of 144, he led the field of 64 match play qualifiers by a stroke from John Burke.

Johnny Goodman, title-holder, tied for 10th place with 152, but the scoring does not really matter as the championship will now be continued by match play.

Marvin Ward and Johnny Goodman, each 148, followed Burke. Ellsworth Vines, famous tennis player, continued to show he is a golfer commanding respect by finishing high with an aggregate of 150. Charles Yates, now an army private, who won the British Championship a few years ago, finished with 154 and easily qualified.—Reuter.

Ben Sheridan, the half-back who out-charged, outmanoeuvred and outflanked Notre Dame opponents from 1937 through 1939, is a private of the cavalry at Fort Riley, Kansas.

The alterations to the clubhouse at Craigengower Cricket Club having been completed, members are now finding the "lay-out" of the building much more convenient. The billiard room has been brought down from the first floor to where the bar used to be, while this very important part of any club is in the former ladies' room position. Even the telephone has been moved, this now being on the verandah.

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Registrations have still to be received from 95th R.A., 36th R.A., 5th R.A. and 12th R.A.

REFEREES' CLASS

The fourth of the series of lectures on Soccer Laws—Law No. 11, Offside—will be delivered by Staff Sergeant W. H. Foster, Army Representative of Hong Kong Football Referees' Association, this evening at 7 p.m., at Scandal Point Hall.

CORRESPONDENCE

Sir—To settle an argument, will you please tell me when the first Interport cricket match between Hong Kong and Shanghai was played and the result of the game?

INTERESTED.
 The first Hong Kong v. Shanghai match was played in Hong Kong, on February 7, 1886, when the Colony won by an innings and 204 runs. Hong Kong batted first and scored 430 (R. D. Starkey 99, T. Clifford 71, "Extras" 50). Shanghai were all out for 107 in the first innings and in the follow-on scored only 59 runs (D. Welsh 38). No bowling analysis was recorded.—Sports Ed.

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HOGAN IS CHALLENGING SNEAD'S PURSE RECORD

THREE YEARS AGO SAM SNEAD, WEST VIRGINIA SLUGGER, SET A MONEY-WINNING RECORD AMONG PROFESSIONAL GOLFERS THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO STAND FOR A GOOD LONG WHILE.

NOMADS HOCKEY RUMOURS

There is a possibility that Nomads Hockey team will be losing some of their players this season, according to rumours in hockey circles, although Stephen Reed, captain of the team, says that he knows "nothing about any such thing as yet."

It is understood that three of the players will be throwing in their lot with Club de Recreo this Winter, but Reed added that even if that should be the case the team will not be affected in that they have some 18 players to draw upon for their team.

Nomads will be holding their annual meeting shortly and indications are that Reed will be re-elected captain of the team. They intend to play more hockey this season, taking advantage of the extra half-hour of daylight, than they did last season.

But that was before little Ben Hogan, whose method of par-busting is almost the opposite of Snead's, hit his hot streak. Snead moved everything down in sight that season and collected \$19,534.49 in tournament prize money. Now the 140-pound Texan, who plays out of Hershey, Pa., is after that record and stands a better than fair chance to set a new one.

Top Prize

Hogan hit the top prize in the Chicago Open, his 10-under-par 274 earning him \$1,200. This neat bundle of cash boosted his 1941 tourney cheques to \$21,517 and kept intact his record of having finished in the money in his last 51 meets.

Ben began his streak last year when he led the pros in money earned with \$10,655 and won the Vardon Trophy. This haul will be his again unless he slumps. He has 383 points in the Vardon race, a good lead over Craig Wood's 300 in second place.

Byron Nelson, who did not compete in the Chicago Open, is third with 270, followed by Snead, 249; Vic Ghezzi, 170; Clayton Heafner 158, and Lloyd Mangrum 149. Wood also is runner-up in money earned, the national Open champion having collected \$7,616. Snead has earned \$26,541; Nelson \$26,475; Johnny Bulla \$26,346, and Heafner \$25,155.

Proved Mettle

Hogan proved his mettle under fire at Chicago by outlasting Wood in a terrific stretch battle. The Open champion trailed by four strokes as they began the final nine. Wood picked up three shots in three holes with two birdies and a par while Hogan had two pars and a bogey. Then Ben finished with two birdies and four pars to protect his edge while Wood carded five pars and a birdie.

Wood's two last rounds of 67-67 left him with a total of 276, three strokes under defending champion Dick Metz of Chicago. Jim Ferrier, pro at the host Elmhurst Country Club was fourth with an even par 284 and Lloyd Mangrum finished fifth with 285. One stroke behind him was the low amateur, Mario Gonzalez, of Rio de Janeiro, who was tied with Heafner, the Linville, N.C., slugger.

TENNIS MATCH POSTPONED

The Fourth Division Tennis match between Central British Association and Army Tennis Club, originally arranged for this afternoon at King's Park, has been postponed to a date to be fixed later.

Don McNeill, tennis star, is an applicant for a job in the Federal Bureau of Investigation.



Courses for leaders of Physical Training and for games masters at schools are held at the Loughborough College, Leicestershire. Our photograph here shows a pole-vaulting class at work during a course at the college.—(Copyright, Fox Photos.)



SHANGHAI FOOTBALL SEASON DESCRIBED AS "UNFORTUNATE"

"PERHAPS THE WORD 'UNFORTUNATE' IS BEST USED IN DESCRIBING THE 'SOCCER' SEASON OF 1940-1941," STATES THE ANNUAL REPORT OF SHANGHAI FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION, THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF WHICH IS ON SEPTEMBER 11.

"Unfortunately it was marred by a number of very unpleasant incidents during Association matches, culminating in a very serious riot at the Canidrome on March 15. Throughout the season many spectators showed themselves entirely lacking in an understanding of the Laws of the Game and, sometimes incited by the players, were inclined to express dissatisfaction very forcibly with whatever they considered "unfair" to their particular side.

"Every possible action was taken by the Association to counteract this hostile feeling, but, in spite of this, spectators finally became so unruly that a serious riot was precipitated at the Canidrome during a First Division match between Police and Tung Hwa teams.

"As a result of this riot, during which a number of persons were injured, damage was done to Canidrome property to the extent of \$9,605.60. This sum did not include the financial loss sustained by Le Champ de Courses Francais due to the cancellation of a scheduled dog race meeting for the same evening.

"Owing to repeated unruly actions on the part of spectators at Kiaochow Park the Executive Committee closed this ground to Association Football on February 6.

"Weather conditions were the best experienced for some time, there being only six occasions when fixtures had to be postponed, involving only 18 matches.

"Again, as in the past four seasons, the Council granted the Executive Committee full discretionary powers in the handling of all Association matters, it being felt that local conditions had not as yet reached that stage when the existing Rules and Laws of the Association could again operate.

An invitation was received from Hong Kong Football Association to send a team to that Port during the Spring Holidays (Chinese New Year), to participate in the usual Interport series. Unfortunately, owing to the impossibility of guaranteeing return passages, it was regrettably decided not to accept the invitation and Hong Kong was informed accordingly.

31 Warnings

On the disciplinary side nine clubs were cautioned regarding team-sheets, 14 owing to late arrivals and eight in connection with not supplying linesmen.

In Hong Kong little or no action has been taken in the past against delinquent clubs, but the new rules passed at the last annual meeting demands that action be taken in future.

The Emergency Committee, in Shanghai had a busy season, 59 players receiving cautions for ungentlemanly conduct or for dangerous or rough play, while 44 players were suspended for varying periods during the season.

In Hong Kong only 11 cases of misconduct on the field were dealt with by the Emergency Committee.

At a General meeting of the S.F.A. Council it was decided that the sum of \$16,000, estimated expenses which would have been incurred had the Association sent a team to Hong Kong for the Interport, was distributed to Foreign and Chinese Charities.

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Kowloon Golf Club will be held this evening at the Clubhouse, Kowloon City, at 6 p.m.

ONE CHANGE IN H.K.C.C. BOWLS TEAM

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB ARE MAKING ONLY ONE CHANGE IN THEIR SECOND DIVISION LAWN BOWLS TEAM FOR THIS WEEK-END. ABRAHAM, WHO SKIPPED A THIRD DIVISION RINK LAST WEEK, COMES IN AS NO. 3 TO GOODWIN IN PLACE OF HAMILTON.

The vacancy thus caused in the Third Division will be filled by Nissim, who will have the same rink as Abraham did last week—with one exception, Ryan, lead to Monaghan last week, will be No. 2 instead of Shigley. Ryan's place in Monaghan's rink will be taken by Lacon.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club are making two changes in their First Division "A" team. In Duncan's rink Meyer, from the "B", comes in as No. 2, and Levett, No. 2 last week, takes the place of McKelvie, who will skip the "B" rink led by Gill last week, Gill going up to No. 3 in place of Meyer.

There is just one change in the Third Division team, with Bicknell replacing Nash as lead to Jordan.

Hong Kong Football Club are making no changes at all in their two teams.

Selected Teams

Following are the selected teams:

HONG KONG C.C.
 Second Division (v K.C.C., away):—S. L. Lloyd, J. G. Haigh, H. G. Wallington and G. E. Costello (skip); G. G. Aitkenhead, T. R. Rowell, E. S. Abraham and F. Goodwin (skip); R. R. Davies, P. S. Cassidy, R. A. Edwards and A. W. Brown (skip).
 Third Division (v I.R.C., home):—H. H. Reddow, L. E. N. Ryan, A. S. Mitchell and A. Nissim (skip); B. J. Lacon, W. R. Lambert, E. S. Doughty and T. C. Monaghan (skip); R. Young, E. W. Pudney, E. F. Shields and A. McKellar (skip).

HONG KONG F.C.
 Second Division (v Taikeo, away, at 4 p.m.):—A. B. Coleman, J. D. Thomson, J. A. R. Selby and W. Gill (skip); A. Watson, J. Gelling, C. Needham and W. Macfarlane (skip); R. P. Shaw, C. B. Robertson, A. Brookbank and K. S. Robertson (skip).
 Third Division (v Kowloon B.G.C., home, at 4 p.m.):—T. H. Pearce, C. G. Solis, B. J. Bickford and B. A. Mansell (skip); A. Gratton, C. Carr, K. Forrow and G. S. Graver (skip); A. Bailey, J. Russell, S. Strange and J. Ralston (skip).

KOWLOON B.G.C.
 First Division "A" (v Roorio "B", home, at 4 p.m.):—L. Guy, G. W. Deacon, A. Hyde-Lay and A. M. Holland (skip); W. McNeill, H. White, A. Bower and A. J. Hall (skip); W. L. Walker, J. G. Meyer, E. Levett and R. Duncan (skip).
 First Division "B" (v P.R.C., home, at 4 p.m.):—A. J. Rogers, V. C. Dixon, P. A. Peckham and L. Sykes (skip); R. P. Phillips, E. A. Atkins, J. C. Gill and J. McKelvie (skip); P. Holloway, G. W. Elphick, I. Newton and H. Lockhart (skip).
 Third Division (v H.K.F.C., away, at 4 p.m.):—J. A. Fraser, Sir A. MacGregor, E. V. Searle and H. Nish (skip); W. M. Wilson, J. S. Dinnen, G. Thompson and C. Wallis (skip); H. Bicknell, S. C. Walker, C. E. Langley and L. A. Jordan (skip).

TSUI HANG EQUALS H.K. RECORD

Eastern beat Ching Wing Swimming Union by 15 points to 12 in an inter-club swimming contest at Chinese Y.M.C.A., last night, Tsui Hang, of Eastern, being again prominent when he equalled the Colony record of 24 4/5 seconds in the 50 Yards free-style event.



TSUI HANG

The record is at present held jointly by D. H. Taylor (1939) and Ng Nim (1940).

Following were the results:

Men's 120 Yards Medley Relay:—1. Eastern (Wong Sau-shan, Kwok Chun-hang and T. Hang); 2. Ching Wing (Yeung Yuck-an, Chan King-ping and Law Yuk-wing). Time 1 min 8-2/5 secs.

Ladies' 50 Yards free-style:—1. Miss Ng Po-hing (Eastern); 2. Miss Shum Pui (Eastern); 3. Miss Chan Choh-ha (Ching Wing). Time 35-4/5 secs.

Men's 220 Yards breast-stroke:—1. Fung Wai-cheong (Ching Wing); 2. Wong Lok-in (Eastern); 3. Wong Kar-nun (Eastern). Time 3 mins 3-3/5 secs.

Members' 100 Yards free-style:—1. Tam Sik-man; 2. Wong Ka-po; 3. Mak Wai-hing. Time 71-1/5 secs.

Men's 50 Yards free-style:—1. Tsui Hang (Eastern); 2. Law Yuk-wing (Ching Wing); 3. Chan King-ping (Ching Wing). Time 24-4/5 secs.

Ladies' 100 Yards breast-stroke:—1. Miss Ng Shui-in (Eastern); 2. Miss Shum Wa-yung (Eastern); 3. Miss Chan Mei-chong (Ching Wing). Time 1 min. 35-4/5 secs.

Men's 100 Yards back-stroke:—1. Yeung Yiu-kwan (Ching Wing); 2. Wong Sau-shan (Eastern); 3. Kwok Chun-hang (Eastern). Time 1 min 17 secs.

Members' 50 Yards back-stroke:—1. Mak Wai-hing. Time 40 secs.

Men's 220 Yards free-style:—1. Tai Yuk-mong (Eastern); 2. Yue Sik-kwan (Ching Wing); 3. Fung Wai-cheong (Ching Wing). Time 2 mins 52 secs.

Members' 220 Yards breast-stroke:—1. So Kwok-wing; 2. Tsang Wing-kee.

Members' 50 Yards free-style:—1. Tam Sik-man; 2. Wong Ka-po; 3. Chan Cheun-ying. Time 30 secs.

V.R.C. HEATS

Following heats for the V.R.C. swimming Gala next Wednesday were decided yesterday:

Boys' 100 Yards free-style:—Heat No. 1: 1. H. Ribeiro; 2. I. Erickson. Heat No. 2: 1. J. Gomes; 2. J. Anderson; 3. J. Roza-Perreira.

Members' 50 Yards free-style:—Heat No. 1: 1. L. Vieira; 2. F. Vieira; 3. R. Sequeira. Heat No. 2: 1. N. Broadbridge; 2. F. M. Britto; 3. F. A. Nortonha.

Ladies' 50 Yards free-style "B" Class:—Heat No. 1: 1. Miss M. Nortonha; 2. Miss Y. Yelle. Heat No. 2: 1. Miss T. Yvanovich; 2. Miss C. Yelle; 3. Miss V. Rull.

Boys' 100 Yards breast-stroke:—1. W. Ribeiro; 2. J. Roza-Perreira; 3. J. Gomes.

Further heats will be held this afternoon at 6 p.m.

FOREIGN Y.M.C.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Y.M.C.A. Swimming Championships will be continued to-night at 8 p.m. when the following will be the programme:

Men's 50 Yards Free-Style Final:—R. Goldman, D. Hutchinson, E. A. Roberts and G. Saunders.

100 Yards Breast-Stroke Final:—W. S. Gegg, W. B. Ure and D. Hutchinson.

50 Yards Back-Stroke Final:—B. S. Wilson, W. S. Gegg, F. Willis and E. A. Roberts.

Men's 440 Yards Free-Style Final:—A. E. May, L. A. Bonn, D. Hutchinson.

LEEMANS SIGNS TO PLAY AGAIN WITH NEW YORK

Tuffy Leemans, who came up from George Washington University to become one of the most consistent groundgaining backs in professional football, has signed his 1941 contract with New York Giants in the National League.

Leemans, who has rolled up 2,626 yards for the Giants in five seasons, won All-League honours in 1936 and 1939.

LEAGUE CRICKET UNCERTAINTY

By "Incog."

It is about this time every year that we hear quite a good deal of discussion regarding prospects for the "approaching cricket season," but, due to Volunteer duties and one thing and another, interest seems to have lagged considerably this year.

Maybe it is because people are too occupied with other things to worry about cricket, but it does seem strange to have all the activity on the part of Football Association in regard to preparations for the 1941-42 season, while cricket—and hockey, for that matter—has been left to look after its own interests.

As a direct contrast to the policy of laissez faire adopted by the other clubs, however, University have been ultra-active, and they have already played two or three friendly games in preparation for what they hope will be a bumper year at Pokfulam. But one team does not make a season.

Last year we had considerable discussion regarding the desirability of suspending all League cricket matches for the duration, but, after the matter had been thrashed out, it was decided to carry on as usual and the League proved as successful as before.

Again this year there is still a number of cricketers—most of them, be it said, in the "has been stage"—who

keep on advocating suspension of the League, and unless some of our younger blood get down to it there is just the chance that there will be no League matches at all.

Enquiries as to when the Cricket League will hold its annual meeting

Petrol Rationing Makes Race Tracks Slower

Unless the unexpected happens, few track records will be broken in Melbourne this Spring. Not only is the grass longer at Flemington nowadays, but the club ceased to brush and roll the track between races when the need to conserve petrol was first mentioned.

have elicited the information that it will come off "some time in September," though no definite date has yet been fixed. The majority of our cricketers, no doubt, are all for carrying on the League but if this is so why don't they do something about it?

"Volunteer duties" these days is used as an excuse for almost everything. Not so long ago I asked one of the Colony's most prominent players if he had had any ideas regarding prospects for the coming season, and the prompt reply was, "I've been so taken up with my Volunteer work that I've not had time to think about it at all." And that from a man who has led a club that has won the League more times than I can remember.

Anyway, the meeting must come off some time or another, and when it does I have it on good authority that should the question come up again as to the desirability of carrying on, the majority will "signify in the usual manner."

And in this connection here is a suggestion that might well merit some consideration by officials of the League. Too often in the past we have had games held up, a few minutes perhaps, by constant changing of umpires, necessitated by the fact that players have had to officiate in turn. Cannot some hard and fast rule be laid down that each team provide an umpire in addition to the 11 players and scorers?

Football Association appoint official referees for every game, and in official hockey matches there is never any lack of umpires, but with cricket it is, rather the exception than the rule to see two umpires provided for any game. It is time this fault was remedied.

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EMBARGO WIDENED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

President Roosevelt yesterday proclaimed an extension of the export control system over all military supplies.

His executive order authorises special treatment for ships carrying defence supplies and places under export licensing control all military equipment, machinery, tools and supplies necessary for their manufacture, which previously were not under control.

Practical effect will be to limit exportation from the Philippines of items referred to but will permit them to flow freely from the U.S. — International News Service.

Count Fernand de Brinon, French Ambassador in the occupied zone, who himself narrowly escaped afterwards made the following statement to the press, according to Paris radio.

"This afternoon Laval and Deat have been the victims of an attack under the following circumstances:

"At Versailles the first French volunteers of the anti-Bolshevik legion were to enter the barracks.

"At the beginning of the ceremony the French colours were hoisted and La Marseillaise sung for the first time in occupied territory.

"Thereafter, the official visitors inspected the barracks.

"Faint Reports"

"Thousands of the Versailles population in a procession, in which I was present, passed under the porch of the barracks.

"According to preliminary investigations Laval and Deat must have been immediately behind me. I heard faint reports to

which I paid no particular attention.

"A FEW MOMENTS LATER I OBSERVED LAVAL SUPPORTED BY SOME PEOPLE. HE SAID 'THEY HAVE HIT ME.' HE WAS IMMEDIATELY REMOVED TO THE VERSAILLES HOSPITAL.

"Deat was also wounded.

"Not Serious"

"The alleged attacker has been arrested. He is a young man who has admitted that he joined the legion for the purpose of committing the attack.

"Laval was shot in the arm and in his side. The bullet has been extracted.

"Deat was also shot in the arm.

"The condition of the victims is not considered to be serious." — Reuter.

Colette's Story

Brought before the examining magistrate, Colette said he was born at Monderville in the department of Calvados.

"I only arrived in Versailles this afternoon as a volunteer," he said. "I had decided to enlist in the Legion with the idea of shooting down someone. The only men I could recognise among the personages was the former Prime Minister, Mr. Laval. That is why I fired at him."

The inquiry is still continuing. — Reuter.

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PUBLIC FAREWELL TO H.E.

A public farewell ceremony to His Excellency Sir Geoffry Northcote, K.C.M.G., and Lady Northcote will be held at noon on Tuesday at the King's Theatre.

A valedictory address will be delivered by the Honourable Mr. J. J. Paterson on behalf of the Community of Hong Kong, and a Chinese address by the Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D., at the conclusion of which a screen will be presented to His Excellency, and a small gift to Lady Northcote by the Chinese residents of Hong Kong.

His Excellency will reply. All members of the public are cordially invited to attend. The whole of the Dress Circle will be available for the accommodation of members of the public who have not received special invitation. All attending are asked to be in their seats by 11.50 a.m.

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STOP PRESS

THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION FORCES IN FOCHOW ARE EXPECTED TO BE TOTALLY WITHDRAWN WITHIN A WEEK. THEIR ULTIMATE DESTINATION IS BELIEVED TO BE INDO-CHINA, FOR AN OFFENSIVE AGAINST YUNNAN PROVINCE, ACCORDING TO REPORTS CIRCULATING IN FOCHOW TO-DAY.—REUTER.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Senator Johnson, speaking in San Francisco yesterday, predicted the United States would be at war in a couple of months and "perhaps it will start at several places simultaneously." — International News Service.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

State Department officials in Washington point out that an amicable settlement in the Pacific is possible through the Nine-Power Pact. — International News Service.

For the past few days, says a special cable from London, a mysterious voice, which does not emanate from the B.B.C. or any known anti-German stations, has been interrupting the Deutschlandsender news broadcasts with fierce denunciations of the war and of the Nazi regime. By using the same wavelength, the unknown interrupter has already conveyed to his unwitting German audience that "Germany's great victories merely mean that thousands of German wives are now widows," that German wounded no longer believe in victory, that conditions on the eastern front are worse than ever and the sufferings of the troops inconceivable.

"Why," he asks repeatedly, "are the German casualty figures resulting from the great victories never given?"

Deutschlandsender in an attempt to drown the voice has in the last day or two made its broadcasts louder in tone and has been endeavouring by nonstop methods to eliminate intervals from its programmes.